

Editorial: EIC Farewell and New EIC Introduction

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IT is my great pleasure to announce that the President of the IEEE Computer Society has appointed Professor Ivan Stojmenovic as the next Editor-in-Chief of the *IEEE Transactions on Parallel and Distributed Systems (TPDS)*, who will start his term on 1 January 2010. Ivan has a highly distinguished academic career. I am quite sure that he will provide excellent leadership and bring a great deal of technical and managerial experience to *TPDS*. Please join me in congratulating Ivan on his appointment. His brief biography appears below.

As my term as Editor-in-Chief ends, I thought you would be interested in knowing how we are doing in *TPDS*. I have listed a few statistics for you below from my 2006-2009 term. The acceptance rate is the ratio of the number of accepted papers to the number of submitted papers during a year, but also roughly reflects the individual acceptance rate of a paper. The statistics for 2009 are not complete yet, but there have been 347 papers submitted this year by August 2009. As you can see from the numbers below, we are a highly competitive journal with a fast turnaround time similar to conferences. However, the added advantage of submitting to our journal is getting detailed reviews and having the possibility of addressing the drawbacks in a paper through a major revision. This does not happen in conferences.

YEAR	Submission of papers	Acceptance rate	Submission to 1 st decision	Submission to publication
2006	425	26.4%	4.1 months	19 months
2007	485	27.8%	3.7 months	15 months
2008	507	19.9%	4 months	10 months

I would like to take this opportunity to thank many people who have made my tenure as Editor-in-Chief both rewarding and enjoyable. I am especially grateful to the staff in the IEEE Computer Society publications office, Jennifer Carruth and Annessia Bryant, for their help in the day-to-day operation of the peer review and publication process, and Alicia Stickley for her help in many administrative matters related to *TPDS*. I often rely on their expertise to resolve difficult issues related to the paper review process. Last, but not least, I would like to thank all of our authors, reviewers, and associate editors for their support and hard work for *TPDS* during the past four years.

As you can see, the number and the quality of submissions to *TPDS* have increased significantly over the years. I hope you will submit your best papers to *TPDS* and continue our effort to keep *TPDS* the flagship journal in the field of parallel and distributed processing. Good bye.

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Outgoing Editor-in-Chief



Ivan Stojmenovic received all degrees in mathematics. He has published more than 250 different papers and edited four books on wireless ad hoc and sensor networks and applied algorithms with Wiley. He is currently editor of a dozen journals and founder and Editor-in-Chief of three journals. He has h-index 35 and more than 5,000 citations. One of his articles was recognized as the Fast Breaking Paper for October 2003 (as the only one for all of computer science), by *ISI*. He is a recipient of the Royal Society Research Merit Award, UK, and Excellence in Research Award of the University of Ottawa 2008-2009. He chaired and/or organized more than 50 workshops and conferences. He was elected an IEEE fellow (Communications Society, class 2008). He coauthored 11 articles in *TPDS* on parallel algorithms, interconnection networks, parallel computational geometry, and wireless cellular, ad hoc, and sensor networks. Two of these articles are ranked third and eighth in citations among all *TPDS* articles (Scopus).