

Editorial: Farewell and Introduction to the New Editor-in-Chief

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MY three-year term as the Editor-in-Chief (EIC) of the *Transactions on Mobile Computing (TMC)* ended on 31 December 2010. Getting an opportunity to shepherd and influence the direction of a high caliber journal such as *TMC* has been a privilege for me. It has also been a uniquely rewarding experience, one that would not have been possible without the continual help and understanding of many individuals who help put the journal together. Foremost, of course, are the authors, without whose continual flow of excellent submissions *TMC* would simply not be what it is. During my tenure I saw many interesting and definite trends in our submissions, with the emergence of new topics (the large number of papers in Cognitive Radios, Localization, Security, and Sensor Networks come to mind) and a distinct shift in author demographics away from the US and Europe to Asia. Next, I would like to acknowledge the help of the various Associate Editors (AEs) who served with me on the Editorial Board, and thank them for their continual support in ensuring speedy, quality, and fair reviews. I would also like to thank the various staff members from the IEEE Computer Society who have always been there when I needed help, and who play critical roles, often behind the scenes, in every aspect of *TMC*'s production. In particular, I would like to thank Mari Padilla, Mercy Frederickson, Kimberly Sperka, Hilda Carman, Jennifer Carruth, and Alicia Stickley. Alicia and Hilda were also critical to the successful five-year review that *TMC* underwent in late 2009. The *TMC* Steering Committee, chaired by Tom La Porta, provided me with constant and useful advice, for which I am grateful. Last but not least, I would like to acknowledge the tremendous help from all of the reviewers without whom the quality peer review process that *TMC* is able to provide to the authors just would not be possible.

Started in 2002 with Tom La Porta as its first EIC, the journal is now beginning its 10th year, and has grown tremendously in size and prestige. We now receive in excess of 600 papers, but have still been able to maintain a decent turn-around time. The credit for this goes not only to the dedication of our reviewers, AEs, and staff, but also to my preceding EICs who put in place well thought out procedures.

Finally, I would like to introduce and welcome the next EIC of the journal: Ramesh Govindan, from the University of Southern California. Ramesh is well known to those of us active in mobile computing as he has authored many of the seminal papers and has served in a leadership role for most of our top conferences. For me, Ramesh has been a close collaborator and a valued friend for a number of years (despite the fact that he is from our cross-town rival school!). Therefore, I am particularly happy that he is the next EIC. I have no doubt that, under Ramesh's conscientious leadership, *TMC* will do even better in the next three years than it has thus far, and I wish him the best.

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Ramesh Govindan is a professor of computer science and heads the Embedded Networks Laboratory at the University of Southern California (USC). He is also a senior researcher at the US National Science Foundation-sponsored Center for Embedded Networked Systems, a large research initiative to advance the state of networked sensing and its use in scientific applications. Dr. Govindan received the BTech degree from the Indian Institute of Technology at Madras in 1987, and the MS and PhD degrees from the University of California at Berkeley in 1989 and 1992, respectively. Prior to joining USC, he was a member of the technical staff at Bell Communications Research and a project leader at USC's Information Sciences Institute and at the International Computer Science Institute at Berkeley. Dr. Govindan's research has focused on scalable and robust routing infrastructures in large networks such as the Internet, on the structural properties of the Internet, and on the architectures and programming systems for wireless and mobile networks. He is a member of the ACM and a senior member of the IEEE, has served as a program cochair for ACM SIGCOMM, ACM MobiCom, and ACM Sensys, and was formerly on the editorial boards of *ACM Computing Surveys*, *ACM Transactions on Sensor Networks*, and Elsevier's *Ad-Hoc Networks*.