

State of the Journal Editorial

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WISHING you all a very happy new year! The growth and rapid spread of mobile computing and communication systems has been phenomenal all over the world. In addition to the connectivity, several low-cost applications related to health, transportation, environmental sensing, agriculture, etc., have made the mobile devices an integral part of modern life and society. Not surprisingly, the popularity and impact of the *IEEE Transactions on Mobile Computing* has been growing fast. The success is attributed primarily to the quality of articles, which is the outcome of the efforts by the authors, reviewers, and the associate editors. According to Thomson Reuters' 2013 Journal Citation Report, *TMC* has an impact factor of 2.912, which is significantly higher than the recent past. During the last year, about 680 papers were submitted to *TMC*. The acceptance rate of papers submitted to *TMC* during that period was approximately 25 percent. Our efforts have made the review cycle faster. During the past year, the average time for the first decision was around 16 weeks, while the average time for final decision was 26 weeks. We will continue our efforts to reduce these durations without impacting the quality of articles. These targets can be achieved through the cooperation of the editors and the reviewers. If you have suggestions on how we can improve the timeliness and the quality of publication, please reach out to me.

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