

EDITORIAL

The first issue of *Facta Universitatis: series Electronics and Energetics* was published in 1988, and this year the journal has reached the majestic age of a quarter of century. This anniversary year represents timely opportunity not only to give valuable insight into the evolution of this well-known journal in the region of the West Balkans, but also to highlight the current trends, with great emphasis on those likely to be just the tip of iceberg, i.e. more hints of major trends that will emerge in the second decade of the 21st century and beyond.

In retrospect, *Facta Universitatis: series Electronics and Energetics* has had to survive the frailty of birth, some great depressions and recession in the electronics industry, and, as the ultimate test, the competition with a number of well-known regional journals in the field. The first seven journal's volumes (1988-1992) contained only one issue each, the next three (1993-1995) two issues each, and since 1996 the journal has been publishing three issues a volume. Since founding, the journal was led by three Editors-in-Chief: Vančo Litovski (1988-1992), Vidosav Stojanović (1993-2011) and Zoran Perić (2012-2013). It should be emphasized that *Facta Universitatis: series Electronics and Energetics* has not only survived, but in the course of time it has become one of the most widely read and cited regional journals in the field.

Right now *Facta Universitatis: series Electronics and Energetics* is at very important crossroads and the question has arisen as to what should be done to ensure its further progress and development. The principal challenge in the future will be to develop clearer understanding of the journal's mission, while maintaining its viability both financially and intellectually, in a very new environment. With rapid technological advances and the competitive nature of today's electronics industry, it is imperative that one keeps abreast of state-of-the-art developments, closely follow and stay focused to the upcoming challenges and their solutions. Providing this coverage and focus will be the main goals of *Facta Universitatis: series Electronics and Energetics* in the near future.

In order to meet the goals consistent with our focused aims, we have already strengthened the editorial team by introducing an Advisory Board and appointing the word-leading experts for specific areas as new Associate Editors and members of Advisory Board and Editorial Board. Also, we will make alliances with major conferences, academic groups, and research consortia to bring the latest and most relevant research results to the readers, and invite scholars and organizers in specific areas to serve as guest editors. We will strive to attract and publish the best papers from a very broad geographic area, thus making *Facta Universitatis: series Electronics and Energetics* a truly international journal. Whilst insisting that all published papers are of high quality and practical value, we wish to avoid creation a situation where the journal publishes by quantity rather than quality, and that is the reason why we will insist on rigorous refereeing of all submitted papers.

This issue, the first one in the series of the anniversary issues, is collection of 9 invited papers by well-known experts for the specific areas, most of them being the members of Advisory Board and Editorial Board, who present and discuss the state-of-the-art issues of practical interest in the field.

As a new Editor-in-Chief, I, along with Associate Editors, Advisory Board and Editorial Board, promise to continue to develop and improve *Facta Universitatis: series Electronics and Energetics* in order to keep it at the forefront of science and technology.

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