

Acceptance Speech by Chengshan Xiao on 9 December 2014

Thank you, Lajos and Sergio. Thanks to the IEEE Communications Society Awards Committee. I am very pleased and deeply honored to receive this award.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Khaled Letaief, Len Cimini, Byeong Lee, Mos Kaveh and Vijay Bhargava for appointing me to serve as the Editor-in-Chief of IEEE Transactions on Wireless Communications (TWireless).

In the last several years, TWireless has become the journal of choice in the field. This remarkable achievement would not have been possible without dozens of diligent editors and area editors, and numerous reviewers. I would like to ask all the current and past Editorial board members and all the people who have helped TWireless stand up to be recognized. Thank you all for your great services, and I hope you will continue to serve the journal in various capacities in the future.

From 2010 to 2013, TWireless received more than 9000 new submissions from 80 countries. It has been both joyful and stressful to serve such a popular journal.

For example, most authors are either scientists or engineers, but we did receive two submissions from licensed lawyers in New York, the experience was a bit spicy though.

Most submissions have only one or a few authors, but we did receive one submission with 112 authors. The author list was almost longer than the paper itself.

Most authors expressed their gratitude to our fast and quality decisions, but we did receive some emails in languages I cannot understand.

Most editors have been very happy to serve the journal, but we had one retired editor filed a grievance against me with false charges.

Nevertheless, I have been very fortunate being supported by TWireless Steering Committee, Director of Journals, and VP-Publications. I am very grateful to Andrea Goldsmith, Ted Rappaport, Zhi Ding, Robert Heath, Hamid Jafarkhani, Gerhard Fettweis, Larry Greenstein and Katie Wilson for their invaluable advice and constant support.

Finally, I am most grateful to my wife, Rosa Zheng, and our two kids for their endless support and love. In those four years while I was serving the Editor-in-Chief, we had no vacation.

Before I leave the podium, I would like to point out that the journal is in good hands. The current Editor-in-Chief, Jeff Andrews, is leading the journal to the next level of excellence.

Thank you very much!