**Circuits, Systems, and Signal Processing** (CSSP) was launched in 1982 as a result of the vision of the two founding editors, Dr. Armen H. Zemanian and the late Dr. Sydney R. Parker. They anticipated the emergence of signal processing as a separate discipline of major importance and created the present journal in order to bring research contributions in the areas of circuits, systems, and signal processing under one umbrella. CSSP began as a quarterly journal and transitioned to a bi-monthly schedule in 1994. From the very beginning, one of the innovative features of the journal has been publishing special issues on current topics of interest, and there have been 23 special issues in the past 31 years. Dr. M.N.S. Swamy assumed the role of Editor-in-Chief in 1999, and under his dynamic leadership the journal has made tremendous strides in terms of both the quality and quantity of articles published. When he took over as EiC, the journal published approximately 40 articles and 700 pages per year, with an acceptance rate of around 60%. CSSP has improved steadily ever since, publishing 120 articles and 2220 pages in 2012, with an acceptance rate of about 30%. During the same period, the total number of papers received has risen from about 60 to 690. Further, the impact factor has risen to 0.982, more than double what it was in 2008.

In view of the increasing number of worthy submissions and the desire to publish accepted articles with minimal delay, Birkhäuser Science has decided in consultation with the Editor-in-Chief to begin publishing monthly issues as of January 2014. Furthermore, in order to recognize the high quality of the articles appearing in the journal, we hereby announce that three best paper awards will be instituted starting this year. Two awards will honor the founding editors of CSSP. The *Armen H. Zemanian Best Paper Award* will be given to the authors of the best article published in a given year in the area of circuits and systems, while the *Sydney R. Parker Best Paper Award* will go to the authors of the best article in the area of signal processing. A third award, the *M.N.S. Swamy Best Paper Award*, is to acknowledge the tremendous contributions of the present EiC, and will be granted to the authors of the best paper published in the previous two years. Each of these awards will be accompanied by a certificate and a cash prize.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the members of the editorial advisory board, the associate editors, the reviewers, and all of our authors for their outstanding efforts in maintaining the high scientific standards of the journal, as evidenced in part by the steadily improving impact factor.

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