

Editorial

Welcome to a new issue of ACM TODAES, and a very Happy New Year to all readers!

I started as the new Editor-In-Chief (EIC) of TODAES in August 2004, having taken over from the previous EIC, Prof. Mary Jane Irwin. Prof. Irwin provided outstanding leadership and worked tirelessly for the journal during her tenure: she handled the difficult (and thankless!) task of transitioning from the manual submission process to the current electronic scheme (ACM Manuscript Central) in January 2003; she diligently monitored the growing backlog of accepted articles; she sought additional funds from SIGDA to publish oversized “phonebook” issues to accommodate and eliminate the backlog of additional accepted articles when we were constrained by ACM’s annual page limit budget; she solicited tutorial articles from top researchers to cover state-of-the-art in new CAD topics. . . . I could go on and fill this whole page, but it suffices to say that I am stepping into some pretty big shoes! We owe Prof. Irwin a big thank you for her dedicated service as the EIC of TODAES from 1998 through 2004. We also thank Susan Benner for her help as the Editorial Assistant under EIC Irwin. Melanie Sanders has taken over as Editorial Assistant for ACM TODAES.

With this issue, our roster of Associate Editors (AEs) has also undergone some changes. AEs Steve Levitan and Irith Pomeranz have retired and we thank them for their efforts in handling articles related to system design and testing/reliability. I am pleased to announce the addition of four new AEs: Prof. Tim Cheng (University of California, Santa Barbara), Prof. Sharon Hu (University of Notre Dame), Prof. Sharad Malik (Princeton University), and Professor Hans-Joachim Wunderlich (University of Stuttgart). Together, they both broaden and strengthen the technical reach of ACM TODAES in the areas of testing, real-time CAD, platform-based design, and formal methods. Please join me in welcoming them aboard ACM TODAES!

I have also appointed Prof. Prabhat Mishra (University of Florida) to serve as Information Director for ACM TODAES. He has updated the TODAES Web page and you can see the results at <http://www.acm.org/todaes/>.

Several changes and clarifications in the policies for ACM TODAES are being developed, including policies for submission of manuscripts that are extended versions of archival conference/workshop articles, recommended lengths for manuscripts, goals for improving turnaround time, invitation of tutorial/survey articles, special issues of the journal, etc. These changes and updates will be reflected on the TODAES Web site, so please visit the Web site and familiarize yourself with the updated policies before submitting a manuscript for review.

I welcome feedback on any issues you’ve encountered with ACM TODAES, and, of course, suggestions for how we might improve ACM TODAES. I look forward to starting my term as EIC of TODAES and solicit technical contributions that will expand the quality, reach, and visibility of ACM TODAES to

make the journal a valuable archival resource for the entire electronic design automation community.

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