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As the new EiC of the IEEE TETC, let me start by thanking all of you, Readers, Authors, Reviewers, Member of our Communities, and Collaborators, for your continued support to our journal. Our is a very strong and wide Community and while serving as EiC of this prestigious Transactions, I am aware that I can count on all of you. My commitment is to do my best to keep TETC in its leadership positions, and, as the face of a journal starts from its Editorial Board, let me thank all the 43 members of the Editorial Board, including the last 6 Associate Editors who are starting their service today February 1, 2021 (time of press of this announcement). Now TETC's Editorial Board is formed by experts in the fields of interest who at 80 percent are either IEEE Fellows or IEEE Senior Members. You can find the up-to-date Editorial Board at <https://www.computer.org/csdl/journal/ec/about/107354?title=Editorial%20Board&periodical=IEEE%20Transactions%20on%20Emerging%20Topics%20in%20Computing>

TETC is a very popular and successful journal. This is confirmed by the number of submissions and downloads, and by its high Impact factor and article influence score values. This has produced over the years an assignment-to-issue backlog which has in part affected also the papers accepted in special section frameworks. Thanks to the joint effort of the Computer Society (CS) Board of Governors (BoG), the CS 2020 President Leila De Floriani, the 2020 Vice President for Publications Fabrizio Lombardi and outgoing EiC Cecilia Metra, TETC has received for 2021 a very large additional budget of pages which will allow the journal to significantly reduce the queue of papers already accepted, but still pending the assignment to an electronic issue. In 2021 not less than 50 percent of the pages of each issue will be assigned to papers in the queue which have been accepted to appear to a previous special section, and the remaining pages will be assigned to "technical track papers". In addition, ongoing special sections which have been planned to be assigned to an issue in 2021 and in the following years, will appear in the journal as soon as all papers accepted to the special section are received, thus making the special section complete and ready for final publication.

We all truly count on the continued support of the 2021 BoG, President Forrest Shull, and VP for Publications M. Brian Blake, to receive a sufficient number of pages also in the following years to guarantee that, after the acceptance of a manuscript and its publication as a pre-print, the assignment to an issue will follow on a timely basis for a rapid dissemination of the scientific results, as characterized in the Magazines and Transactions of the Computer Society.

In the last period I have been discussing with members of the Editorial Board several ideas about improvement to the journal and in particular, incoming special sections and possible new formats. I kindly invite you to stay tuned and follow the journal, its call for papers and its editorials. I look forward to receiving your top quality research papers in the scope of TETC's technical tracks <https://www.computer.org/digital-library/journals/ec/technical-tracks> or current special sections.

Last but not least let me thank the outgoing EiC, Cecilia Metra for her dedication and efforts to this journal, the Associate EiC Jean-Michel Muller, and the Staff Colleagues who are already working with me, starting from Alexandra Johnson, the TETC Journal Production Managers Erin Pacino and Brian Johnson, and continuing with all the Los Alamitos Colleagues Robin Baldwin, Carrie Clark, Cathy Martin, Jennifer Carruth, and Christine Anthony.

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