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This issue is the first of the fourth volume of PACMNET. It features articles submitted by the June 2025 deadline that underwent a “one-shot major” revision. Originally, each of the June 2025 submissions underwent a thorough review process involving more than 90 Editors, coordinated by two Associate Editors. In the initial phase, every article received a minimum of three reviews. For those that advanced to the second phase, Editors produced at least two additional reviews per article. After a second discussion phase, the Editors met online to decide which articles to accept after a minor revision, which to offer a one-shot major revision opportunity, and which to reject. Fifteen articles have been offered a one-shot major revision option. These have been revised by their authors based on the extensive feedback provided by the Editors, who checked the revised version after modifications. After this re-review phase, nine articles were finally accepted and they appear in this issue of PACMNET.

The papers in this issue span a broad yet coherent set of themes in modern networking research. Several contributions focus on network efficiency and performance, addressing energy consumption in high-speed host networking, multipath proxy design, video streaming responsiveness, and joint IP–optical core network planning and recovery. Security and privacy form another major axis, with work on scalable phishing detection, defences against website fingerprinting, and cryptographic acceleration on FPGA platforms. Emerging network architectures and infrastructures are also prominent, including decentralised routing for large-scale LEO satellite constellations. Finally, the issue includes advances in network measurement and modelling, notably through state-aware synthetic traffic generation, reflecting the growing importance of realistic data-driven evaluation in networking systems.

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