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Message from the Editor-in-Chief

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First of all I would like to wish "Very Happy and Prosperous New Year-2014" to all our authors, subscribers, Editorial Board Members and reviewers. It gives me great pleasure to bring out the 1st issue of the International Journal of Microwave and Optical Technology (IJMOT) for the year 2014. Once again I would like to apologize to you for publishing this issue late as our web manager left us without any information. Due to this reason the IJMOT was put on hold for several months. But now we have found a highly competent web manger Mr. Shridhar B. Dandin from B. K. Birla Institute of Engineering & Technology (BKBIET), Pilani, INDIA. I would like to thank Dr. P.S. Bhatnagar, Director of BKBIET for his kind permission for this collaborative effort.

I am also pleased to announce that **Dr. Nghia Nguyen-Huu** from **Dalhousie University**, **Canada** has joined IJMOT as an Assistant Editor. His main responsibility will be in publicizing, contacting all indexing agencies, production of every issue in timely manner and attending other related issues.

So please join me in welcoming Drs. Dandin and Nguyen-Huu as new additions to IJMOT. With the help of these experts, the IJMOT is sure to reach to the next level.

This is a **Special Issue** containing selected papers from **14th International Symposium on Microwave and Optical Technology (ISMOT-2013)** organized in **Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia** from October 28-31, 2013 under the leadership of Profs. Le-Wei Li of Monash University and Chuah Hean Teik of Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman, Malaysia. The ISMOT-2015 is schedule in Dresden, Germany with details to follow in future IJMOTs. Profs. Le-Wei Li and Faidz bin Abdul Rahman two experts in the field and closely associated with ISMOT-2013 have been invited as Guest Editors for this special issue of IJMOT.

If your current research paper submitted to IJMOT or any other journal is in similar area as published previously in IJMOT, please make sure to cite the reference of IJMOT. This would help in improving the impact factor of IJMOT.

Starting 2014, the authors with their university/organization being subscriber of IJMOT in good standing will have to pay only 50% of publication charges up to 8 pages. After that it is \$30 per extra page.

I am very pleased to inform our authors/subscribers that IJMOT is now indexed by SCOPUS, Google, EI-Compendex, EBSCO, ISI and Media Finder. We are contacting other indexing agencies also in this regard.

I would like to thank all the editorial board members, reviewers and subscribers for their continued help and support for IJMOT. My special thanks to our new web manager Mr. Shridhar Dandin for fixing the IJMOT problems one by one just after he took over the responsibility in January 2014.

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