

Editorial

THIS EDITORIAL provides an update as to the status of the IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON VEHICULAR TECHNOLOGY (TVT). It is my great pleasure to report that TVT continues to perform very well in various measures!

First, we received 1457 paper submissions in 2010. Our editorial board strives to publish research papers with significant technical novelty and contributions in a timely manner. We continue to have an increase in the number of paper submissions and a decrease in paper acceptance rate. We have also reduced the paper review/decision duration, as summarized in the following table.

Year ¹	2007	2008	2009
Total number of paper submissions	853	1062	1385
Acceptance rate (percentage)	36.7	31.1	27.3
Average 1st-round review/decision duration (month)	3.60	3.20	2.46
Average submission-to-acceptance duration (month)	9.04	8.43	7.16
Average submission-to-rejection duration (month)	4.10	3.39	2.61
Average submission-to-epublication duration (month)	25.85	16.51	9.38

¹ The data in the first 5 rows are for papers submitted in 2007, 2008, and 2009, respectively. The data in the last row are for papers appearing on IEEE Xplore during 2007, 2008, and 2009, respectively.

At the end of 2010, all papers submitted in 2009 or before have a final editorial decision, except for nine papers which require further revision. For papers that appeared on IEEE Xplore during the first two quarters of 2010, the average submission-to-epublication duration has been reduced to 8.12 months. Further, we have cleared a publication backlog we once had in our printed issues. An accepted paper will now appear in a printed issue within 1–2 months once it is copyedited and proofread.

TVT has been an important venue for both academia and industry to share research results and accelerate R&D activities in vehicular technology. In 2009, the journal received 458 210 “hits” on IEEE Xplore, ranking 21st among 273 IEEE journals. Its impact factor has been increasing steadily since 2004.

In addition to papers presenting original research, we publish surveys and tutorials on topics of general interest to our readership. We encourage submissions on emerging areas in vehicular technology. To better serve our community, we have been publishing Special Sections that have focused on vehicular electronics and intelligent transportation systems, as well as some topics of interest to the mobile communications and networking communities. The next Special Section we will publish will be on *Advanced Transportation Systems*. It has 39 submissions, which are now under review, and is expected to appear in September 2011. Currently, we are accepting papers for a Special Section on *Telematics Advances for Vehicular Communication Networks*. Please visit the TVT website at <http://transactions.vtsociety.org> for more details (including Calls for Papers) about the upcoming Special Sections.

On behalf of the TVT editorial board, I would like to thank the authors, reviewers, and readers for all your contributions to and interest in our journal!

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