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From the Editor's Desk

This special issue of Microwave Review is dedicated to the international conferences TELSIKS 2003 and ICEST 2003 and I would like to express my great pleasure to be guest-editor of it.

The 6th Conference on Telecommunications in Modern Satellite, Cable, and Broadcast Services, TELSIKS 2003, was held from 1 to 3 October 2003, at the Faculty of Electronic Engineering, University of Niš, Serbia & Montenegro (former Yugoslavia). It was organized by the Faculty of Electronic Engineering - Niš under IEEE MTT-Society, Communications Society, AP-Society and Region 8 technical co-sponsorships, and in co-operation with Yugoslavia IEEE Section, Yugoslav MTT Chapter and Yugoslav Communications Chapter.. With 178 papers (regular and invited) of 357 authors from 31 countries on all 5 continents, workshops, round tables, exhibition and other activities, TELSIKS 2003 has been evaluated as a very successful event and a leading conference in the field of modern telecommunication technologies in Central and Southeastern Europe.

The 38th International Scientific Conference on Information, Communication and Energy Systems and Technologies, ICEST 2003, was held from 16 - 18 October 2003, at the Technical University of Sofia. The conference was organized by Faculty of Communicatios and Communication Technologies of the Technical University of Sofia, Bulgaria, Faculty of Technical Sciences of the University "St. Kl. Ohridski", Bitola, Macedonia, and Faculty of Electronic Engineering of the University of Niš, Serbia and Montenegro, in co-operation with Bulgaria, Macedonia and Yugoslavia IEEE Sections.. ICEST 2003 program included 128 papers of 204 authors coming from 10 countries on 3 continents. This conference was a successful international event as well.

This special issue of Microwave Review collects a number of papers from both mentioned events, where first 7 papers were presented at the TELSIKS 2003 and the other 2 papers at the ICEST 2003 conference. It was a difficult task to select these papers from a wider list of high quality papers. The attention was focused to the papers in the RF and microwave field and the selection was made primarily on the basis of session chairman's proposals. I would like to express my gratitude to the authors of selected papers.

In addition, in this issue you will find a wider report of the conference TELSIKS 2003.

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