

# Editorial

**W**ITH the completion of my term as Editor-in-Chief of these Transactions, I would like to take this opportunity to offer my sincerest thanks to the many people who helped make my tenure both smoother and more productive. First, I would like to thank the members of the GRSS Administrative Committee who trusted in my abilities enough to appoint me as Editor in 2008. In particular, the current and past Presidents of the society during my tenure, namely, Jon Benediktsson, Alberto Moreira, and Tony Milne, were as supportive and helpful as I could possibly ask. The Vice President of Publications Woil Moon provided valuable assistance with the administrative duties of the position, as did the Director of Finance Jim Gatlin with the business side of things. The most important technical and editorial aspects of my job were greatly helped by advice and wise counsel from past TGRS Editors-in-Chief Jon Benediktsson, Jim Smith, and Leung Tsang and by support from the other GRSS journal Editors Paolo Gamba, Eells LeDrew, and Jocelyn Chanussot. I was ably assisted in the many administrative tasks by the IEEE publications staff members Alison Larkin, George Criscione, and Leigh Cignavitch. Finally, I would like to offer a very special and emphatic thank you to two additional groups of people. The first group, too large to name individually, is my team of Associate Editors. Without them, the standards of quality that we, as a society,

aspire to for TGRS would simply be impossible to maintain. One Associate Editor in particular deserves special mention. Prof. Antonio Plaza proved himself to be an exemplary member of the editorial board and a valued colleague throughout my tenure. He has been accordingly selected to succeed me as Editor-in-Chief, and I am confident that this journal will be in very good hands under his guidance and direction. A second group deserving of special mention, which must remain anonymous out of necessity, are the many reviewers who volunteered their time and expertise to vet and critique our manuscript submissions. While there is a place and a valuable purpose served by open community sites such as Wikipedia, I strongly believe that the anonymous peer review of scientific literature remains a vital and central part of the research environment. I am very proud to have played a role in that process as your Editor-in-Chief. Thank you very much for the opportunity.

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