

GUEST EDITORIAL

IJMWT Special Issue on the 2013 National Microwave Days in France

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This special issue of the International Journal of Microwave and Wireless Technologies is dedicated to topics discussed during the 18th Bi-annual French National Microwave Days (18th JNM), held in Paris, France, on May 15–17, 2013. The 18th JNM conference was held at “la Cité des Sciences” in Paris, France, and organized by ESYCOM (ESIEE Paris, Université Paris-Est Marne-la-Vallée, Le Cnam) and a panel of industrials and university from Ile-de-France: THALES, III-V lab, ORANGE, Onera, Telecom Paris Tech, ETIS, LSS-SUPELEC, L2E-UPMC.

This very successful event welcomed more than 550 conference attendees, both from France and abroad, in Northeast Paris, within the Parc de la Villette cultural and leisure complex. The Cité des Sciences is ideally situated to welcome a wide range of visitors, many of whom may be unused to frequenting cultural institutions.

The technical program, through oral and poster sessions, focused on the following topics: “Antennas and Propagation”, “Passive Components”, “Active Components”, “Systems and associated processing”, and “Emerging technologies and functional materials”. The 18th JNM congress was preceded by a 1-day special topic conference on “Communication systems for the city, the environment and the person” organized by ESYCOM at Cité Descartes in Marne La Vallée.

The scientific committee of the 18th JNM was chaired by Professor Christian Person (Lab-STICC, Brest) with the vice president, Professor Martine Villegas (ESYCOM).

A total of 323 papers of a high technical level were presented: 156 papers were presented during 34 oral sessions, and 167 posters were presented in 11 poster sessions. An exhibition space was also dedicated to exhibitors during the 3 days. The local organizing committee, with a team of many enthusiastic volunteers, was chaired by Professor Martine Villegas and co-chaired by Associate Professor Jean-Luc Polleux. The scientific organization was conducted by Professor Martine Villegas, Professor Xavier Begaud and Associate Professor Antoine Diet.

The 18th JNM event was also supported by the European Microwave Association (EuMA), the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), and the Groupement De

Recherche from the National Center for Scientific Research (GDR Ondes, CNRS) and three special prizes were awarded for best papers. The recipients of the IEEE Best paper award are Václav Valenta, Andreas Trasser, Hermann Schumacher, Mehmet Kaynak for their paper entitled “*Quadrupleur de fréquences en technologie SiGe:C BiCMOS 130 nm pour un radar à ondes continues modulées en bande-F*”. The recipients of the EuMA Best student paper award are Burdin François, Podevin Florence, Ferrari Philippe for their paper entitled “*Diviseur de puissance flexible et miniaturisé*”. The recipients of the EuMA Best student poster award are Niemiec Ronan, Bennis Anass, Brousseau Christian, Mahdjoubi Kouroch, Emile Olivier for their paper entitled “*Excitation du moment angulaire orbital (OAM) d’une onde en bande millimétrique, à partir d’une lame de phase*”.

This special issue of the International Journal of Microwave and Wireless Technologies, published by Cambridge University Press in collaboration with EuMA, covers the five topics with papers selected from the 30 best papers presented at the 18th JNM Conference. The authors were requested to submit their papers, 16 submitted their contributions and 32 international reviewers agreed to review the English versions. Finally, eight of those papers were found suitable for publication in this special issue and five of those papers will be published in a next issue. We wish to acknowledge all the authors for submitting their papers and all the reviewers for the in-depth evaluation of them and revised versions from July to December 2013. We hope that this special issue will be enjoyable and of interest to the readers through the various topics in the microwave field, and also that they will find extensive and useful information for their own research activities.



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