

I'm honored to write this welcoming message in my position as President and on behalf of the IEEE Communications Society. Without question, this is an auspicious event - the inaugural issue of *China Communications Magazine*. There are many reasons to take special note of this occasion, not the least of which is the prominent role that China plays in the research, development and realization of communications technology and associated service deployments. I'm certain that this new magazine will become an important conduit for the dissemination of timely information, with an influence that extends beyond national borders to effect the advancement of technology throughout the world.

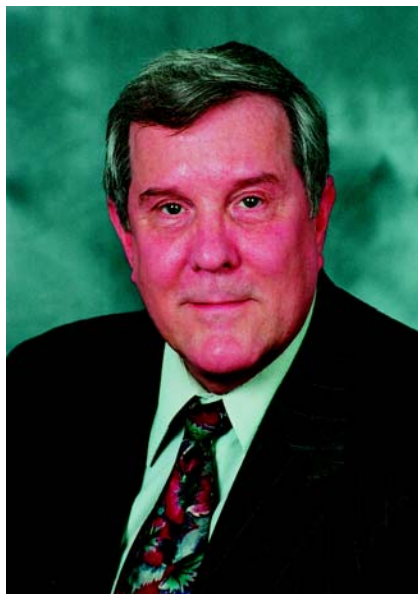
I am reminded of the time, over ten years ago, that I first served as Editor-in-Chief of *IEEE Communications Magazine*. I felt humbled and privileged to take reign of a highly regarded publication, and I'm confident that your magazine will achieve a similar stature. Without doubt, your editorial staff will feel challenged from time to time, as I was, but I am confident of their and your success. The China Institute of Communications (CIC) serves an obviously important constituency!

The IEEE Communications Society and China Institute of Communications have a long-term and cordial relationship. We (actually our President at the time, Dr. Maurizio Decina) first signed a Sister Society agreement with CIC in 1995. Two years later, Professor William Tranter and I facilitated a journals and magazine relationship. In 1998, President Thomas Plevyak renewed our contract with President Zhiyuan Song and Dr. Zhen Yin Deng. Our mutual main and side agreements were renewed by President Celia Desmond and Professor Cai Liu in 2002. Interspersed with these formal agreements have been several trips by others, including Dr. Steven Weinstein, 1996 - 1997 IEEE Communications Society President. We are also pleased with the long-term support of Mr. Wang, Minister of Information Industry Ministry, China.

While it is pleasant to reflect on these historical interludes, more important is the future and potential that this publication brings. I hope that the magazine flourishes and want you to know that the IEEE Communications Society is committed to an on-going and fulfilling relationship into the future.

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