

EDITORIAL PREFACE

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This is the last issue of IJBDCN in 2013 and it's time that we once more thank sincerely the associate editors and the members of the editorial review board (ERB) of the journal, who have nourished this journal over the years to help it reach what it is today. We also thank all the reviewers who provided the much needed support and spent their valuable time to make IJBDCN one of the important refereed journals in the area of telecommunications and networking.

This is a special issue comprising 5 select papers from the *IFIP Wireless and Mobile Networking Conference (WMNC)* held during April 23-25, 2013 at Dubai, UAE. The papers are on advances in wireless networking focusing particularly on Quality of Service (QoS) and security in ad hoc, sensors and vehicular networks. This issue has been guest-edited by Dr. Zoubir Mammeri, Professor of Computer Science and Engineering at Paul Sabatier University, Toulouse, France. Thanks to Dr. Mam-

meri for putting together such a nice collection of research articles for this concluding issue of the year.

Incidentally, Dr. Mammeri also has kindly accepted our nomination to be the next editor-in-chief of IJBDCN, starting from the first issue of 2014. Our immense thanks to Dr. Mammeri who served on the Editorial Review Board of IJBDCN for the past 9 years and provided us with all the time and support for the progress of the journal. Please join us in welcoming Dr. Mammeri to take on the mantle of editorship from now onwards. We are sure that, with his vision, IJBDCN will become one of the most cited and sought after scholarly journals in the future.

We take this moment to thank the associate editors who worked with us since 2009 and the members of the editorial review board that supported us during these past *five* years. We really relished the moments of working

with all of you in bringing our various issues of IJBDCN. We also thank previous editor of the journal, Dr Jairo Gutierrez, Professor at Auckland University of Technology, Auckland, New Zealand for guiding and helping us with his continued support for the journal.

The team at IGI Global has been very efficient, a pleasure to work with and incredibly patient around deadline times. We appreciate their valuable assistance. Now, looking at the future, the journal will enter its *tenth* year in good health and under the capable leadership of Dr. Mammeri, will continue to scale new heights.

We hope that you enjoy this issue as much as you have done the previous issues of *IJBDCN*. If you have any feedback or suggestions to send us, please feel free to do so via e-mail at ds@iimcal.ac.in or at v_sridhar@acm.org.

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