

A word from the new Editor-in-Chief

After leading the *CIT* journal for its first three years and publishing its first three volumes, Professor Leo Budin decided to leave the position of its first Editor-in-Chief. Working under his leadership was a real pleasure, and I would like to thank him for the excellent job done in spite of many difficulties the journal production was confronted with.

The *CIT* journal covers the rapidly changing fields of computing and information technology. Its original goal is to publish not only the narrowly focused specialists achievements in this field, but also to cover the educational, social, legal and managerial aspects of computing and information technology, especially in the regions of Central and Eastern Europe. This second goal appeared to be much more difficult to achieve than we had expected, and it continues to be a challenge for the journal's editorial team.

As the new Editor-in-Chief, besides the goals mentioned above, I would like to propose a few more, equally important ones of the *CIT* journal:

- presenting readable papers of general interest, as well as papers covering hot topics in the field,
- high quality of published papers,
- regular and on-time publication of journal issues,
- significant reduction of manuscripts processing time.

In order to accomplish these goals the following changes in the journal operation are introduced, or will be introduced shortly:

- the Associate Editors position will be introduced in order to intensify publication of topics related to educational, social, legal and managerial aspects of computing and information technology in Central and Eastern Europe,
- the Invited Papers section will be introduced presenting the readable, state-of-the-art reviews, as well as papers reflecting the Central and Eastern European technological, organizational and educational dilemmas and solutions,
- special issues devoted to hot topics in computing and information technology will be guest-edited by leading experts in the field,
- processing of manuscripts has been re-engineered, reducing the processing cycle to 90 days, at the most,
- preparation and production of journal issues have been reorganized, so during 1997, both the regular and on time journal publication will be attained.

With such a policy and organization of journal production we expect to attract both more authors and more readers, and thus enable the *CIT* journal to become more influential in the computing and information technology arena.

All these can be attained only with the concerted efforts of the entire *CIT* team of editors, staff and its director, with full backing of members of its Editorial Board. Last but not least, the quality of the journal largely depends on the knowledge and efforts of the strong team of peer reviewers whom I want to thank for the excellent job done.

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