

EDITORIAL

Starting a new era for quantum technologies: In conversation with the deputy EiCs and the managing editor

Abstract

First of all, we want to thank all of our readers, authors and reviewers on behalf of the editing team behind *IET Quantum Communication* for your support ever since the creation of this journal in 2019.

2024 has proven to be the start of a new era supported by quantum technologies that will change our lives in many ways. In 2023, *IET Quantum Communication* received many high-quality research and industry papers that addressed issues from quantum storage and computing to quantum communication, which demonstrated the great potentials of quantum technologies and the roles they could play in our daily lives.

We began 2024 with a renewed enthusiasm on the wave of the remarkable growth of our journal, both in quantity and quality. We received a record-breaking number of submissions, especially thanks to our special issue programme. From a quality and popularity standpoint, the journal received an increase of 61% downloads in comparison to the first half of 2023. During the first half of 2024, the acceptance rate has remained consistent at 28.2%. The adjustment of the Editorial Board and the streamlined review process have led to a reduction in the turnaround time from original submission to first decision to approximately 6 weeks.

When the 2023 CiteScores and Impact Factors were released in the summer of 2024, the journal has gone from strength to strength. The journal received its first 2023 Impact Factor of 2.5. We also received an increased CiteScore of 6.7, which is approximately a 68% increase in comparison to the previous CiteScore. These are fantastic achievements, and we thank all the journal team for their hard work and dedication to the journal.

In 2024, we continue to successfully recruit new editorial board members with diverse backgrounds who are extremely dedicated to a fast and responsible paper handling process. The main mission of the editorial board towards the end of 2024 is still to grow the journal and maintain a fast and reliable reviewing processes for all paper submissions. The Deputy Editors-in-Chief and the Managing Editor will be closely

monitoring the reviewing process of all papers and any feedback from our authors is always welcome.

In the first half of 2024, we witnessed strong growth in the total number of submissions received, thanks in part to our special issue programme. We welcome relevant researchers to propose special issues with interesting and relevant topics to the editorial board which will be assessed for suitability.

Finally, we would like to express our gratitude to all our readers and authors, as well as all members in the editorial board. The journal cannot grow without your efforts, and we hope to continue to have your support in the future!

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