

## EDITORIAL



TELFOR is the abbreviation for the Telecommunications Forum, a long lasting scientific, engineering and professional event that started in 1993 in Belgrade, Serbia. TELFOR is being organized this 25<sup>th</sup> year, what is quite an impressive result for any annual scientific conference. Initial idea was to establish a national scientific conference in Telecommunications. During the years, that idea evolved in such a way that today TELFOR is a huge regional international conference in Telecommunications and Information Technologies, having also its several other parallel tracks, like special presentations of companies, presentations and papers of invited experts, exhibition of telecommunications hardware, software, systems and services, then seminars, tutorials, round tables, etc. During TELFOR's existence several thousands of scientific papers were presented and published, quite a number of them being with a considerable quality and important results. Having such resources at disposal, establishing a scientific journal, the TELFOR Journal, was a very natural next step for several reasons:

- Authors with favourable TELFOR reviewers' assessments would have additional chances to improve and expand their initial ideas;
- Editorial board would have a wide set of prospective invited authors;
- After some time of existence, one could expect that TELFOR Journal would attract independent authors to submit their papers to be considered for publishing.

The history of TELFOR Journal is nine years long. The first volume consisting of two issues was published during the TELFOR 2009 conference in November 2009. That first volume of the Journal was intended to present a selection of the improved and expanded versions of the best scientific papers presented at Telecommunications Forum 2008.

The second volume of the TELFOR Journal, again with two issues, was electronically published before the TELFOR 2010 conference, in November 2010. Printed copies were realized slightly later.

The third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth volume of the TELFOR Journal, with both electronic and printed versions, were published before the TELFOR 2011, TELFOR 2012, TELFOR 2013, TELFOR 2014, TELFOR 2015 and TELFOR 2016 conferences, respectively. Printed copies were realized with significantly improved color quality and increased number of copies, depending on our sponsors support. Up to now, 194 thoroughly reviewed scientific papers were published in total. Apart from the authors from Serbia, authors from many European and non-European countries were also present.

**The TELFOR Journal is an OPEN ACCESS journal with no charge for authors and readers.**

This is the ninth volume of TELFOR Journal, based on the selected, expanded and improved results from the TELFOR 2016 conference. Some editorial program improvements and Journal content WEB visibilities ("Online First") were also introduced this year.

After eight years of existence one can easily conclude that TELFOR Journal is already a recognizable scientific publication in the region of South-East Europe. According to Serbian state and civil scientific authorities, TELFOR Journal got in 2014 a considerable better formal recognition. Starting 2014 all published Journal papers got DOI. The impressions of the scientific and research community were also very positive, both with respect to the Journal scientific quality and the very nice design. TELFOR Journal is indexed in several well recognized index bases: Index and Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ), Google Scholar, SCOPUS (from 2016), National Library of Serbia Repository, Serbian Citation Index (SCIndex), ... Starting beginning 2017, TELFOR Journal was accepted for evaluation in Thomson Reuters ESCI list.

The TELFOR Journal is published in the English language, with both electronic and printed versions, minimally with the two issues per year. It is an IEEE co-supported publication, following all the IEEE rules, procedures and consequently the scientific quality.

The large spectrum of TELFOR Journal topics accounts for the rapid convergence through telecommunications towards the information and knowledge-based society. The Journal provides a medium for exchanging research results and technological achievements accomplished by the scientific community from academia and industry.

Editor-in-Chief Prof. Dr Đorđe Paunović

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'D. Paunovic'.