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In my editorial this past September, I discussed the responsibility of journal authors to volunteer their time to serve as reviewers for the journals in which they publish. After some investigation, I was pleased with the statistics I discovered for reviewers of *Optical Engineering* manuscripts, including the high proportion of review requests that are accepted and the reasonable average review times. While journal reviewers perform their work in anonymity by design, I was motivated by these statistics to provide some recognition for reviewers that go well beyond the call of duty. To that end, I am using this first editorial of 2015 to recognize some of the top reviewers for *Optical Engineering* over the past year.

Identifying the top reviewers amongst the roughly 2,000 that actively review manuscripts for *Optical Engineering* during the course of a year is by no means a straightforward task. I used three characteristics to separate out the strongest candidates: reviews completed, timeliness of reviews, and quality of reviews. The first two characteristics were directly assessed by quantitative analysis. The top candidates generally reviewed five or more *Optical Engineering* manuscripts over the course of the past year, accepted over half of review requests, and completed their reviews within 20 days of the request. Assessing review quality is obviously much more qualitative. For this, I relied on the assessments and recommendations of the associate and senior editors comprising the editorial board.

Based on this assessment, I would like to recognize the following individuals as the top ten reviewers for *Optical Engineering* in 2014:

- Dr. Abhijit Biswas, Optical Communications Group, NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Pasadena, California, United States (laser applications)
- Dr. Antonio Cala' Lesina, Department of Physics, University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Canada (computational electromagnetics, nanophotonics, and plasmonics)
- Dr. Ching-Hung Chang, Department of Electrical Engineering, National Chiayi University, Chiayi, Taiwan (optical communications)

- Dr. Orges Furxhi, St. Johns Optical Systems, Sanford, Florida, United States (panoramic, millimeter wave, and terahertz imaging)
- Dr. Xiuyou Han, School of Physics and Optoelectronic Engineering, Dalian University of Technology, Dalian, China (integrated photonics, microwave photonics)
- Dr. Yvon Renotte, Département Astrophysique, Géophysique et Océanographie (AGO), HOLOLAB - Optics, Photonics and Laser Application Unit, Université de Liège, Liège, Belgium (metrology and holographic optical elements)
- Dr. Xiangjun Xin, School of Electronics Engineering, Beijing University of Posts and Telecommunications, Beijing, China (optical fiber communications)
- Dr. Guobiao Yang, School of Aerospace Engineering and Applied Mechanics, Tongji University, Shanghai, China (optical testing and digital imaging)
- Dr. Jianjun Yu, School of Information Science and Technology, Fudan University, Shanghai, China (optical communications)
- Dr. Chongqing Wu, School of Science, Jiao Tong University, Beijing, China (optical communications and fiber optics)

I am very appreciative of their great contributions to this journal, and hope that you will join me in thanking them for their service. Furthermore, I would like to extend those same thanks to the numerous other excellent reviewers for *Optical Engineering* that did not happen to end up in the top-ten list. While I am confident that all of the individuals listed above are highly deserving of recognition, I also know that there are many others that also deserve to be recognized. I hope to rectify that for some of you next year.

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