

## **Note From the Editor**

*The Telecommunications and Mission Operations Progress Report* created an annual best paper award in September 1998 and named it the Hugh Fosque Best Paper Award in honor of its long-time NASA sponsor, who recently died.

Selection of the winning paper is solely the responsibility of the Editor in Chief, and the award consists of a certificate signed and presented by the Editor in Chief to the author(s) of the paper.

Papers from issues 42-130 through 42-133 were eligible for the 1998 award, which was awarded in September to Samuel J. Dolinar, Jr., Dariush Divsalar, and Fabrizio Pollara for the paper, "Code Performance as a Function of Block Size." The certificate presented to the authors stated that this paper "provides insight that will be critical to establishing an optimal family of new turbo codes that can be customized to widely diverse user requirements. This significant technical progress embodies the excellence for which this publication strives."

The 1999 Hugh Fosque Best Paper Award will be awarded in September 1999, and papers from issues 42-134 through 42-137 will be eligible. All nominations for this award from our readers are welcome and should be directed to the Editor in Chief, who is responsible for selecting the best paper.