

Note From the Editor

In October 1999, the Editor in Chief of *The Telecommunications and Mission Operations Progress Report* presented the 1999 Best Paper Award to David Morabito, Stanley Butman, and Shervin Shambayati for the paper “The Mars Global Surveyor Ka-Band Link Experiment (MGS/KaBLE-II),” which appeared in issue 42-137. This paper provides results that are valuable for the development of Ka-band telecommunications, which represents the next major increase in the DSN’s capability and will contribute to improved telecommunications and mission operations efficiency.

Papers from issues 42-134 through 42-137 were eligible for the 1999 award, and selection of the winning paper was solely the responsibility of the Editor in Chief. The award consisted of a certificate signed and presented by the Editor in Chief to the authors of the paper.

The 2000 Best Paper Award will be awarded in the fall of 2000, and papers from issues 42-138 through 42-141 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.