

Letter From the Guest Editor

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I am pleased to be the guest editor for these special issues of the Journal of Global Positioning Systems to publish the selected papers from the 2004 International Symposium on GPS/GNSS (GNSS-2004), 6-8 December 2004, organised by the School of Surveying and Spatial Information Systems, University of New South Wales, Australia.

The GNSS-2004, attended by over 340 delegates from 29 countries, was the largest symposium in the Asia/Pacific region in 2004 dedicated to GNSS and wireless positioning. On the first day of the symposium the plenary session consisted of several presentations by invited speakers. The Civil GPS Service Interface Committee (CGSIC) convened a public meeting where representatives from the US Dept of Transport and US Coast Guard informed participants of recent developments in GPS policies and modernization.

Presentations by several European speakers introduced the future GNSS “Galileo”, scheduled for deployment by the end of the decade. The Symposium also featured technical workshops and around 200 oral and ‘flashing poster’ presentations.

Over 130 papers presented at the symposium were submitted to the special issues of the Journal of Global Positioning Systems (JGPS). However, given the limited space pages in these special issues many high quality papers could not be selected for publication. This has been a considerable administrative challenge and I wish to thank the reviewers for their assistance in reading and selecting the papers.

The 2004 and 2005 volumes of the JGPS feature the selected papers from the symposium on various GNSS topics, as well as research and development into a variety of other positioning technologies.