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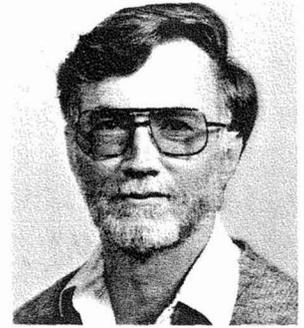
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From the Editor



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Every new year brings its changes and surprises, but 1992 promises to bring more than its share.

Plans for the Russian Neural Networks Symposium in Rostov-on-Don are in full swing and on schedule. Our Russian colleagues are optimistic that the reforms will continue, and that although this winter will be a hard one, they and the citizens of the other former Soviet republics will come through. The Russians have done some outstanding theoretical work in neural networks over the past decades and as they obtain greater access to state-of-the-art technology and free interaction with their western colleagues, we can look forward to more exciting work.

Among the upcoming events in the US include the IJCNN'92 Baltimore in June and the first IEEE International Conference on Fuzzy Systems in San Diego in March. Plans for a second Fuzzy Systems in San Francisco are under way.

Plans are also proceeding rapidly for IJCNN-92 Beijing. Russ Eberhart, the new NNC president has been working closely with our Chinese colleagues.

On behalf of the Council I'd like to offer thanks to Mike Roth, who is stepping down as editor of the *IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks*. Rather than taking a well deserved rest after serving as NNC 1991 President, Bob Marks, is succeeding Mike as the third editor of the *Transactions*.

As the number of papers submitted to the *Transactions* and to the conferences continues to rise, so does the burden of reviewing them. When your colleagues on the editorial board or conference program committee send you papers to review, remember the Golden Rule: *Review the papers thou art sent in as careful and timely a manner as thee wishes thy papers to be reviewed!*

After having to reduce the type of the second newsletter to 9 point in order to squeeze everything in, we have expanded to 16 pages and adopted a quarterly publication schedule. This allows us to include conference and workshop reports such as the reports on the Singapore IJCNN and the IEEE Workshop on Neural Networks for Signal Processing as well as Council news, Calls for Papers, Calendar items, and ads (*re advertising in the Newsletter, call Roz Snyder, the Managing Editor 919-922-1633, roz@mrips.bgsm.wfu.edu*).

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