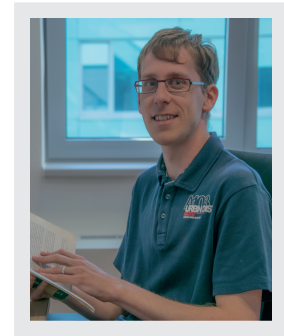


Foreword about Jan Latal, Lecturer and Professor's assistant at the Department of Telecommunications, Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, VSB–Technical University of Ostrava, Czech Republic and former Editor-in-Chief of Advances in Electrical and Electronic Engineering journal:

Jan Latal was born in 1983 in Prostějov, Czech Republic. He received the B.Sc. and M.Sc. degrees from the Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, Department of Telecommunications, VSB–Technical University of Ostrava, in 2006 and 2008, respectively, and the Ph.D. degree, in 2015. He is a member of the IEEE, Czech Light Society, SPIE, OPTICA (formerly OSA), and the Czech Photonics Society. From 2010 to 2017 and from September 2021 to May 2023, he was the Editor-in-Chief of Advances in Electrical and Electronic Engineering. From 2017 to August 2021, he was the Associate Editor-in-Chief. He was invited to join the Editorial Board of the Optical and Quantum Electronics, in 2019. He is leader or co-leader of many research projects with many partners from the application industry. He works in the field of optoelectronics, wireless optical communications, optical communications, and distributed temperature sensing systems. Part of his research works are focused on new types of nanomaterials for different purposes.



Jan Latal

Dear readers,

I would like to use this opportunity to express my gratitude and thanks to all colleagues that worked hard with me during the last 15 years. It is quite a long list of names, then please forgive me if I forgot to mention someone. It all started with team of four people including myself, it was Petr Siska, Petr Koudelka and Frantisek Hanacek in 2009. That time the Advances in Electrical and Electronic Engineering journal was published in printed form at the Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Information Technology (formerly Faculty of Electrical Engineering), University of Zilina in the Zilina city, Slovak Republic since 2002 till 2008. In 2009 it was decided to move the Editorial Office of this Journal to VSB-Technical University of Ostrava, Czech Republic. Since 2010 the Advances in Electrical and Electronic Engineering was published in electronic form at VSB-Technical University of Ostrava, the Czech Republic, in collaboration with the Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Information Technology (formerly Faculty of Electrical Engineering), University of Zilina, under the Partnership Agreement and under ISSN 1804-3119. We decided to accepted articles only in English language and prepare a new redaction system based on Open Journal System. From 2013 all articles published in our journal were retyped in LaTeX format. This solution was used due to future improving of our electronic and printed version of a articles.

Our editorial staff team was strengthened by Jan Rozhon, Filip Rezac, Jakub Safarik and Jan Plucar. Further our team was expanded by Michaela Drozdova, Karel Tomala, Jan Vitasek, Stanislav Hejduk, Radek Poboril, Lukas Hajek and Ales Vanderka. Since 2011 the Advances in Electrical and Electronic Engineering started to be published also in printed form under ISSN 1336-1376. That year we also succeeded with indexing of journal in DOAJ, Driver, Google Scholar, EBSCO and most importantly in the SciVerse Scopus. During next period of time some people have left, but some new came, like Nela Poborilova, Pavol Partila, Andrej Liner, Martin Papes and Miroslav Bures. Some of these colleagues then left us due to many reasons.

In June 2017 journal was finally added in the Web of Science Core Collection database of Clarivate Analytics. That time our staff was strengthened by Radek Martinek, Radana Vilimkova Kahankova, Jakub Zavada, Rene Jaros, David Lazecky, Akshaya Raj and Martina Ladrova.

With the help of all mentioned colleagues this year (2023) journal finally received its first Impact Factor evaluation of Web of Science database. It took some time, it was long and difficult path, and it would be impossible without all mentioned colleagues, our authors and reviewers. I would like to sincerely thank you all for your contribution.

Finally, I would like to wish to new Editor-in-Chief and his editorial staff all the best, submissions of interesting articles and a lot of citation for the next period of Advances in Electrical and Electronic Engineering journal.

At the end I will allow myself to add a few Editor's thoughts... Academic research and development is nowadays impossible without sharing of information and presentation of results to other researchers or to the public. The long-term goal of Advances in Electrical and Electronic Engineering journal was and still is to become one of the most important scientific journals not only in the Central Europe area, but also became known to the researchers worldwide. Of course, this is not a simple task for any journal considering that in given area already were journals with similar focus. Therefore, journal have to find its way, authors and readers, catch their interest by offering something new or different. There is also a significant pressure from government through funding to publish in top quality journals with high

reputation and evaluation, this situation makes it quite difficult for small or emerging journals to attract high quality publications. This also brings “grey zone” in form of fraudulent journals that are founded only for generating profits through article processing charge. The other form is so called “hijacked journals”, which are journals that usurp identity of scientific journal and on the first glance are identical with the real journal. The first person to point this out was Tim Hill in 2008, but sadly there have been more such a cases in the academic publishing in recent years. Publishing in a “predator journal” reduces the credibility of the author, but also the credibility of the institution and the scientific community in general. Some articles published in such a journal shows signs of low scientific quality, have negligible or no scientific knowledge contribution at all. The aim of the authors who publish in predatory journals is usually to artificially increase publication activity, Hirsh’s index and to get more publicity for their work. The phenomenon of predatory journals and publishers was made famous the most by American librarian Jeffrey Beall who announced the names of fraudulent subjects on his website. The boundary between a predatory journal and low-quality journal is not unequivocal, but final effect for the author is almost the same. It is only at the authors discretion where to publish their work, to which community to provide their results. Therefore, it is necessary to check the publishing practices and the reputation of a particular publisher before submitting their article.