

Keynote Address

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I am delighted and pleased to see that *Teletronikk* – Telenor’s prestigious Journal of Technology met the great challenge to attract very high level papers for its special issue on ‘Telecommunications Forecasting’. This challenge was launched on the occasion of the 28th International Symposium on Forecasting I had the pleasure to organize in Nice, France, 22–25 June 2008, for which the general theme was ‘Information Communication Technology Forecasting in a digital world’. *Teletronikk* took the opportunity of ISF2008 to invite contributors to submit papers on ‘Telecoms and ICT Forecasting’ for its special issue 3/4.2008.

You will find hereafter 18 papers written by recognized experts in Telecommunications and Information Communication Technology. You will also read other papers written by young, talented and very promising researchers.

Teletronikk has been published since 1904 by Telenor. Its scope encompasses many aspects of Telecommunications Industry, on topics such as

- Information technology, internet technology, wireless and optics, mobile terminals, QoS, Privacy and security and Network planning;
- Service aspects and business models, telecom strategy and network operations.

Teletronikk endeavours to present telecom and now also ICT, technology from an operator’s point of view, including business, market and service aspects of using the technology. The aim is to have an educational profile, providing broad view articles but also in-depth papers. The authors come from a wide community, however Telenor R&I is the main hub.

Teletronikk, the Journal of Technology, has another particular characteristic that should be highlighted: as a journal without peer review, the authors base themselves on editorial control and try to fill the gap between the specialized and academic journals and the more ‘glossy’ magazines which often have more quickly outdated content. The choice of authors demonstrates the broad professional network of *Teletronikk*.

In addition to the prestigious International Journal on Forecasting, this special issue of *Teletronikk* will provide a top level overview on the most up-to-date forecasting methods used in our industry.

I would address my sincere congratulations and pay a special tribute to the hard work done by *Teletronikk*’s Editor’s Team who solicited papers, handled the abstracts, managed the reviewing process and finally prepared for the ‘forecasting community’ an outstanding special issue on ‘Telecommunications Forecasting’!

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