# Special Issue

# Optical Fiber Communications

### Message from the Guest Editor

Optical fiber communication systems have been deployed worldwide since 1980, and have revolutionized the field of telecommunications. The capacity of such systems has been continuously increasing. Over the last three decades, the aggregate bit-rate of optical transmission systems based on single-mode fiber (SMF) has increased by a factor of four orders of magnitude by means of multiplexing techniques that use time, wavelength, and polarization as a degree of freedom to encode information. In addition to multiplexing, coherent transmission techniques also allow to increase the aggregate bit-rate of optical communications systems by exploiting both the phase and the amplitude of the light to carry information. As today's wavelength-division multiplexing (WDM) coherent optical communication has already taken advantage of all degrees off freedom of a lightwave in a single-mode fiber, further multiplicative growth must explore new degrees of freedom that do not exist in SMFs.

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