

# MAGAZINE REPORT

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# Editorial Board

- **Term Ending 12/31/2001**
  - Peter Corke
  - Krzysztof Kozlowski
- **Term Ending 12/31/2002**
  - Aydan Erkmen
  - Ken Goldberg
  - Brad Nelson
- **Term Ending 12/31/2003**
  - Carlos Balaguer
  - Antonio Bicchi
  - Ian Walker (RAM / TRA Liaison)

## Current Status

- The June 2001 issue is ready.
- Four forthcoming issues almost completed (this takes us to June 2002).
- Solid financial status
- Minimum additional expenses
- Expectation: Moderate increase of
  - Non-member income
  - Advertisements income

## Improvements in place

- Review form available on the web
- Reduce review cycle by:
  - Author notification(s) by e-mail
  - Review collection by e-mail
  - Accept the “complete files” of final version papers by e-mail
- Encourage and eventually enforce e-submissions  
(this will reduce further the whole review cycle)
- Revise the magazine look again
- Moderate / gradual increase of the total number of pages  
in 2002, 2003, 2004.

# Major Problem Area

- The number of the per month contributed papers is not satisfactory! It has not been satisfactory for close to a two year period!
- Considering that the acceptance rate has dropped below 50% this will create a major problem in the future: *The Magazine will rely mostly on invited issues!*
- Q1: Should we discuss the “level of support” to sister publications from other Societies?
- Q2: Should we discuss / redefine the scope of the Magazine?
- Personal view: RAM serves the Society. It is essential, it must grow further under all costs!