Communicating the outcome of one’s research to others in writing is not an easy task. In addition, the Technical Review is frequently referred to by readers working in different fields of specialization, and the writers must therefore also consider how to communicate in a manner that is both precise and easy to understand.

I have the impression that again, most of our authors commenced with a broad conception of their papers, and expended a good deal of time on honing their expression through numerous rewrites. The difficulty of bringing a paper together must have been brought home to many, especially among our first-time authors. I am delighted that we have now been able to bring this volume, the fruit of their efforts, to our readers, and I can only hope that this experience will serve as a spur to take our authors to new heights of achievement.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to offer my sincere thanks to everyone involved in the publication of this volume, who generously offered their assistance despite their own busy schedules. I am fortunate to have been involved in the process of editing the Technical Review, a journal which now has a significant history behind it, and I feel inspired to work in the future to achieve an even higher level of quality.

(Hisako Majima)

The years seem to have flown by since I first became involved with the Technical Review. I remember my initial period working on the journal as one of daily bewilderment, faced with completely new tasks.

The fact that each issue of the Technical Review nevertheless reaches publication is a result of the cooperation of many people, including of course the writers themselves, but also the writing advisors in the relevant labs and departments, the review committee, and everyone involved with the editing of the texts, among many others. I am sincerely grateful for their cooperation.

Times have changed, digital technologies are now commonplace, and many tasks have been made easier. Despite this, it would be impossible to publish the Technical Review without the assistance of those many people.

For myself, I will continue giving my best to my editing duties, always bearing in mind the high expectations held for the Technical Review.

(Masako Shiraki)

For this volume, we asked two members of the editing staff to offer us some of their thoughts about the Technical Review.