

## Editorial

# Message from the Editor-in-Chief

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I assume my responsibilities as the Editor-in-Chief of EURASIP JASP with a sense of potential and optimism for the future. In a short span of few years, the journal has grown in stature and is now at a position to make further leaps. The rate of submission has doubled since 2002 and the uptake of the open access option has risen to 20% of all published articles. Professor Marc Moonen's stewardship over the last three years has greatly enhanced the reach and visibility of the journal and one of my aims is to keep his strong sense of focus and purpose for the journal.

Several features of EURASIP JASP have attracted me to assume this new challenge after having recently completed my term as the Editor-in-Chief of the *IEEE Transactions on Signal Processing* (2003–2005). These features convinced me that there is great potential in this task and there is room for developing and pursuing a vibrant plan of action.

- (i) EURASIP JASP is one of the few journals in the signal processing field to support the concept of “open access.” In return for a fee paid by the authors, readers can access their articles free on the journal website. This is a useful feature and it will impact the way we publish and access scientific articles in years to come. While this mode of publication is optional for authors, I intend to support and encourage its adoption more widely. Electronic access to information is here to stay and journals need to adapt to this new reality. EURASIP journals have been leading the way in this regard and they have been adopting technology faster than their competitors. Pursuing this strategy will help place EURASIP JASP closer to the reach of readers and researchers and will help increase the impact of the journal.
- (ii) EURASIP JASP has a flexible publication policy. The journal publishes as many issues as necessary in order to attend to the number of accepted manuscripts. This useful feature helps reduce or even eliminate

difficulties that arise from working with a tight page budget, such as long waiting periods in publication queues. Reducing or eliminating the publication queue is essential towards increasing the citation impact of the journal.

- (iii) EURASIP JASP has a functional system of attracting and publishing special issues on topics of heightened interest. This system has helped the journal gain a significant momentum in the signal processing community and I intend to support this activity. One of my aims is to enhance the status of EURASIP JASP as one of the premier journals in publishing special issues on signal processing related issues.
- (iv) EURASIP JASP has a user-friendly Manuscript Tracking System, with several features that provide the Editor-in-Chief with a global view of the status of the journal. In order to grow as a journal, it is crucial to provide the Editor-in-Chief with up-to-date and real-time information on the journal.
- (v) EURASIP JASP has a supportive staff structure. Even before my term as the Editor-in-Chief of the journal has started, I was able to get the support of the staff to introduce enhancements to their Manuscript Tracking System.

For these reasons, I find that EURASIP JASP has the infrastructure and the drive to grow as a leading journal in the field of signal processing.

The signal processing community is influential and highly active. The number of submissions that are being generated by signal processing researchers around the world is increasing steadily. Such an active community needs to have access to several high-quality venues for publishing its work. Moreover, the signal processing community in Europe is one of the most active in the field. It is only logical that EURASIP journals in the area of signal processing should grow in stature.

The only way for a journal to grow in stature is for the journal to earn the respect of researchers in the field and to count with the support of a dedicated and expert editorial board. Once this is accomplished, submissions will flow naturally. As such, I will be taking several steps to continue the growth of the journal. At the same time, I would like to encourage authors to submit their works to EURASIP JASP and to know in return that the journal will be working tirelessly to enhance its reach and impact. I would also like to thank the members of the editorial board for their dedicated service to the journal. Their expertise is crucial for the running of a quality enterprise and I encourage them to keep our standards high and to help us move EURASIP JASP to a new level.

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