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**D**EAR Members of the Signal Processing Community: The IEEE Signal Processing Society is pursuing efforts to elevate the quality of communication with our members by utilizing the convenience of the electronic medium. Online publishing and email communications are not only changing the way we access information, but they are also changing how we learn about new results and the latest theories. It is only natural that the IEEE Signal Processing Society should become an active player in advancing and promoting online publishing initiatives and electronic outreach to its members. More convenient and faster access to information can only strengthen the dissemination of signal processing techniques and results.

In this spirit, the IEEE Signal Processing Society decided in 2008 to provide all of its journal publications for free to our members in electronic format starting January 2010.

Online publishing is not new to our society. The IEEE SIGNAL PROCESSING LETTERS was first published electronically in January 2008 followed by the IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON ACOUSTICS, SPEECH, AND LANGUAGE PROCESSING in January 2009. Beginning in January 2010, all IEEE Signal Processing members will receive free access to all Signal Processing Society fully sponsored periodicals online on IEEE Xplore. This is a worthy benefit, as members will not be subscribing to individual journals or to a subset of the journals. Instead, members will be able to access all the society's journals on IEEE Xplore. Interested readers may continue to subscribe to hard copies of the journals; however, the cost of the hard copies will increase gradually until it approaches the full cost of producing hard copies within a three-year period.

Since July 2009, members of the society have started receiving monthly issues of the *IEEE Signal Processing Society Content Gazette*. The *IEEE Signal Processing Society Content Gazette* lists the tables of contents of all our wholly spon-

sored journals: IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON SIGNAL PROCESSING; IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON AUDIO, SPEECH, AND LANGUAGE PROCESSING; IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON IMAGE PROCESSING; IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON INFORMATION FORENSICS AND SECURITY; IEEE JOURNAL OF SELECTED TOPICS IN SIGNAL PROCESSING; IEEE SIGNAL PROCESSING LETTERS, and the *IEEE Signal Processing Magazine*. The *IEEE Signal Processing Society Content Gazette* will also include special issue announcements.

Additionally, we are redesigning our eNewsletter with new features, improved functionality, and a better feel and look. We will incorporate links to tables of contents in the eNewsletter, as well.

In September, we launched the digital edition of the *IEEE Signal Processing Magazine*. Moving forward, members will now be able to download digital copies of the magazine and browse through its content electronically, in addition to receiving the regular hard copy.

In agreement with my colleague, José M. F. Moura, President of the IEEE Signal Processing Society, signal processing is the stealth technology that underlies many technologies and applications but is generally invisible to the public at large. Through our publication and outreach efforts, we are working to connect with our readers and bring them the latest developments in theory and applications more quickly and in a more convenient electronic format.

Stay tuned for further improvements. Help us push our publications to new levels. Become a volunteer reviewer or associate editor and consider submitting your best signal processing results to our journals.

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