

# A Message from the Editor-in-Chief: First Supplement on Secure Media

**E**MBEDDED within this issue of the IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON SIGNAL PROCESSING, our readers will receive a copy of the first in a sequence of three supplements on the topic of *Secure Media*. The second and third supplements are expected to appear in 2005. The main reason for publishing these supplements separately from the regular issue of the TRANSACTIONS is to avoid interference with the page constraints of the TRANSACTIONS.

The purpose of the three supplements is to showcase to the scientific community-at-large, and to our readers in particular, the critical role that signal processing techniques and methods play in devising secure media systems and in enabling secure means of communications and secure sharing of information. In this age of information technology and rapid dissemination of

all forms of digital media (including video, audio, and speech), it is paramount to devise secure schemes that safeguard the intellectual property of authors and the privacy of users. The fact that signal processing methods play a critical role in such developments should come as no surprise to many of our readers, who appreciate the depth and breadth of signal processing across many similar, challenging fields.

This first supplement provides a glimpse into the range of contributions that signal processing can make to the subject of *Secure Media*. The Guest Editors, T. Kalker and P. Moulin, and their invited Associate Guest Editors, have ensured, through their dedicated efforts, a timely review process and a final collection of quality articles.

We invite our readers to enjoy the regular issue and the supplement.

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