

## Message from the Editor-in-Chief

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After having served for one year as Editor-in-Chief of EURASIP JASP, I believe it is appropriate to look back and evaluate the status of our journal, list strengths and weaknesses, and prepare plans for the future. My predecessor Prof. K. J. Ray Liu (University of Maryland, College Park, USA) left the journal in perfect health after having initiated its spectacular rise, as witnessed, for example, by the number of submitted and published papers. I have a vivid recollection of my dress rehearsal during the 2002 Christmas break as well as my first few months as Editor-in-Chief, early 2003, which were particularly hectic and chaotic. Especially at that time, I realized it was going to be difficult to match the high standard that Ray set.

Some of the initial energy was invested into transferring the web-based manuscript tracking system (MTS) from the University of Maryland to Hindawi Publishing Corporation, as well as into further tuning the system and expanding its functionality. The system has now a few thousands of registered users, and I believe it has proven to be both reliable and easy to use. However, we are still open to suggestions and are willing to invest more effort into further improving and expanding our system.

EURASIP JASP owes much of its success to its outstanding Editorial Board. The Editorial Board is responsible for organizing regular paper reviews and—even more importantly—for the definition and selection of suitable topics for the special issues. In 2003, we started bringing in ten new Editorial Board Members each half year, based on nominations from the Editorial Board. On July 1st, our new Editorial Board Members were: Prof. Jacob Benesty (Université du Québec, Montreal, Canada); Prof. Helmut Boelcskei (Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH), Zurich, Switzerland); Prof. Chong-Yung Chi (National Tsing Hua University, Taiwan); Prof. Fulvio Gini (University of Pisa, Pisa, Italy); Dr. Alexei Gorokhov (Philips Research, Eindhoven, The Netherlands); Prof. Peter Handel (Royal Institute of Technology (KTH), Stockholm, Sweden); Prof. John Homer (The University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia); Prof. Mark Kahrs (University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, USA); Prof. Bernie

Mulgrew (University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, UK); Prof. Douglas Williams (Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, USA).

I would now also like to take the opportunity to welcome our new Editorial Board Members (term starting January 1st): Dr. Satya Dharanipragada (IBM T.J. Watson Research Center, USA); Prof. Douglas O'Shaughnessy (University of Quebec, Montreal, Canada); Prof. Sharon Ganot (Bar-Ilan University, Ramat-Gan, Israel); Prof. Moon Gi Kang (Yonsei University, Seoul, Korea); Prof. Thomas Kaiser (Gerhard Mercator University, Duisburg, Germany); Prof. Mark Liao (Academia Sinica, Taiwan); Prof. Montse Pardas (Polytechnic University of Catalonia, Barcelona, Spain); Prof. Markus Rupp (Vienna University of Technology, Vienna, Austria); Dr. Bill Sandham (ScotSig, Glasgow, UK); Prof. Jacques Verly (University of Liege, Liege, Belgium).

At the same time I would also like to express my heartfelt thanks to the Editorial Board Members who have finished their term in 2003: Prof. Shih-Fu Chang (Columbia University, New York, USA); Prof. Jie Chen (Brown University, Providence, USA); Prof. Tsuhan Chen (Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, USA); Prof. Pierre Duhamel (Supélec, Gif-sur-Yvette, France); Prof. Yu Hen Hu (University of Wisconsin, Madison, USA); Prof. S. Y. Kung (Princeton University, Princeton, USA); Prof. Heinrich Meyr (Aachen University of Technology, Aachen, Germany); Prof. Jose M. F. Moura (Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, USA); Prof. Takao Nishitani (NEC, Japan); Prof. Bjorn Ottersten (Royal Institute of Technology (KTH), Stockholm, Sweden); Prof. Zhi Ding (University of California, Davis, USA); Prof. Tariq Durrani (University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, UK); Prof. Ton Kalker (Philips Research & TU Eindhoven, Eindhoven, The Netherlands); Prof. Bastiaan Kleijn (Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm, Sweden); Dr. Ut-Va Koc (Bell Labs, Lucent Technologies, USA); Prof. Ferran Marqués (University of Catalonia, Barcelona, Spain); Dr. Naohisa Ohta (SONY, Japan); Dr. Mukund Padmanabhan (Renaissance Technologies Corporation, USA); Dr. Tomohiko Taniguchi (Fujitsu Labs, Japan); Prof. Kung Yao (University of California, Los

Angeles, USA). Their editorial work has been highly appreciated and crucial to the success of the journal.

In 2003, EURASIP JASP became one of the first journals to support the “Open Access” model, a new business model for academic publishing that enables research articles to be freely accessible online. EURASIP JASP currently employs a hybrid model in which part of the journal is restricted to subscribers and part is free to everyone. Authors are now given the option of paying an “Open Access Fee” to make their article freely available on our website. As more authors will opt for making their articles freely available, the subscription rate of the journal will be reduced to reflect this fact. For more information about the “Open Access” model, please contact [open-access@hindawi.com](mailto:open-access@hindawi.com).

EURASIP JASP also started a “Publish-on-Demand” model in 2003. Instead of always having 12 issues per year, we now publish an “undetermined” number of issues each year, based on the flow of accepted manuscripts. For 2004, we have quoted  $16 \pm$  issues, which means that we expect publishing about 16 issues (regular issues and special issues), but we could (and most probably will) have more, as more special issues will be finalized in time and the inflow of regular papers has increased significantly. In 2003, we launched 14 new special issues, which will be published in 2004 and 2005. Based on the number of papers submitted to EURASIP JASP in 2003, the number of published papers/pages will certainly increase in 2004. The number of submissions was already 275 in 2001 and 361 in 2002. In 2003, the number of submissions grew beyond our wildest expectations to 679 (180 regular papers, 499 special-issue papers). Receiving these statistics from the Publisher certainly renewed much my own initial enthusiasm about the journal. These statistics confirm we are on track to become one of the leading journals in the field!

For 2004, our target will be to minimally collect as many paper submissions as in 2003 and to launch some 14 new special issues. Furthermore, we will work hard to make our paper review process even more efficient, where our target will be to have a first round editorial decision consistently within three to four months from the submission date. To achieve this, I would again like to encourage everyone to support our journal by submitting papers, by assisting in reviewing papers, by suggesting special issue topics, and by writing to us, expressing ideas and suggestions. The journal will certainly benefit greatly from your comments and feedback.

Finally, I sincerely wish to thank again my Editorial Board, and especially Senior Advisory Editor K. J. Ray Liu, for their magnificent efforts and support, as well as Dr. Ahmed Hindawi and his technical staff at Hindawi Publishing Corporation for the wonderful cooperation we have.

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