Editorial
Message From the Incoming Editor-in-Chief

IT IS A GREAT pleasure to assume the role of Editor-in-Chief (EIC) of IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON CIRCUITS AND SYSTEMS FOR VIDEO TECHNOLOGY (TCSVT). My involvement in TCSVT over the past four years as the Deputy EIC has been a tremendous experience and, indeed was the main motivation in taking up such an important responsibility. I would like to use this opportunity to thank the Circuits and Systems (CAS) EIC Selection Committee, especially Prof. David Allstot, CAS President, and Prof. Enrico Macii, Vice President of Publications, for recommending me as the new EIC for TCSVT.

Under the leadership of my predecessors, TCSVT has enjoyed an upward trend toward becoming one of the most prestigious IEEE journals. I thank them for their foresight and excellent management in taking this journal to where it is now. In particular, I would like to thank Dr. Chang Wen Chen for his vision and hard work in expanding the scope of TCSVT, maintaining the high quality of publications, and for his efforts in increasing the publication page limit during his four years. In addition, under his management, the submission rate has grown significantly from 450 to 600 in 2008.

A great debt of gratitude should also go to the Associate Editors (AEs) whose role in the timeliness and efficiency of the peer review process has been a major factor in securing high-quality publications. The editorial team, which I had the opportunity to observe as the Deputy EIC, has been instrumental not only in maintaining consistency in TCSVT scholarly publications, but also in establishing the transactions as a major outlet for international research.

My main objective for the next couple of years will be to pursue the policies of my predecessors, as well as implement new ones that can further strengthen the global perception of TCSVT. My first and most important task would be to gradually bring on board internationally well-known and energetic AEs who would be willing to dedicate their time and effort to ensure the highest quality publications through a rigorous review process. The AEs will be chosen based on their outstanding contributions and expertise in the various video research disciplines, and will be selected in a geographically-balanced manner worldwide.

Secondly, with the emergence of new areas of video technology, our goal is to play a leadership role in the most strategically important topics, through special issues as well as invited survey/review papers. These policies are also shared by our new Deputy EIC, Prof. Dan Schonfeld, in the Electrical and Computer Engineering Department, University of Illinois, Chicago. Prof. Schonfeld's record of service to IEEE, with the help of our editorial team, is impressive and his breadth of editorial experience is a valuable asset to our new editorial team. Together, we look forward to the challenge and to building on the great work of our predecessors.

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