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I would like to begin this editorial by reporting a good news. The newly released impact factor of the Journal of Real-Time Image Processing is 3.0 which reflects a noteworthy increase over its previous impact factor of 2.29. The new impact factor of 3.0 indicates an improvement in the journal's stature in the real-time image and video processing community.

JRTIP has now fully transitioned to the Continuous Article Publishing (CAP) publication model. This model involves publishing manuscripts with assigned Digital Object Identifier (DOI) numbers in the next issue of the journal soon after they are accepted. Since six issues of JRTIP are published per year, an issue would basically consist of manuscripts that are published within the two-month duration of an issue. CAP has enabled to completely resolve the backlog of manuscripts that had been accepted but waiting to appear in an issue. This publishing model has effectively eliminated the wait time between the acceptance of manuscripts and their reference as citable articles.

Another change that has occurred with JRTIP and other Springer journals is the migration of the online manuscript reviewing system from Editorial Manager (EM) to Springer Nature's Article Processing Platform (SNAPP) system. This migration has not been as smooth as it was expected and it is acknowledged that there exists room for improvements to make SNAPP an efficient online reviewing system. Many feedbacks have been provided to the SNAPP team by our editorial team regarding ways to improve various features of SNAPP. Steps have been and are being taken by the SNAPP team to address these improvements.

Authors are urged to pay very close attention to the following three items when submitting their manuscripts to JRTIP. First, it should be emphasized that the thrust of JRTIP

is on the real-time aspects of image processing. Manuscripts that do not address real-time issues will get rejected at the onset of the review process. In other words, authors should make sure that their manuscripts discuss real-time issues or have a section on real-time issues as otherwise their manuscripts will not be placed into the review pipeline. Second, noting that JRTIP is a member of the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE), authors are expected to follow the ethical items described at [https://www.springer.com/journal/11554/submission-guidelines#Instructions%20for%20Authors\\_Ethical%20Responsibilities%20of%20Authors](https://www.springer.com/journal/11554/submission-guidelines#Instructions%20for%20Authors_Ethical%20Responsibilities%20of%20Authors). Third, all submitted manuscripts are passed through a similarity check by Springer based on the iThenticate checker. Manuscripts having text similarities with previous publications, even by authors themselves, are normally rejected and not placed into the review pipeline. Authors need to make sure that no text similarities appear in their manuscripts before submission to JRTIP.

As a final note of this editorial, I would like to mention the changes that have taken place in the editorial board. The Associate Editors Dr. Roy Davies, Dr. Sen Wang, and Dr. Miguel Bordallo Lopez have recently retired/stepped down from the editorial board. I would like to thank them for their excellent service and contributions to JRTIP as associate editors. The following Associate Editors have joined the editorial board: Dr. Arian Azarang, Dr. Abhishek Sehgal, Dr. Kui Liu, and Dr. Venkat Peddigari.

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