



## Editorial

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It is really a difficult time for all of us due to the continuous spread of COVID-19 around the globe. First of all, I sincerely wish everyone keeps healthy and safe. For *Multimedia Systems* (MMSJ), it is also the time to remind ourselves to dedicate more and more high-quality work to pursue the advance of science and technology for humanity, including the pandemic-related research. With my 13 years' experience as Associate Editor in MMSJ, I always feel lucky and grateful to work with our fellow colleagues, authors and readers. It is my great honor and privilege to take the role as a new Editor-in-Chief (EiC) starting from April 1, 2020. I am dedicated to serve more at this new role.

To my best knowledge, MMSJ is the earliest published journal in the field of Multimedia. And now, with the effort from former Editorial Board members, reviewers, and authors, it is among the leading journals in multimedia. I would like to begin by thanking Springer for the continuous support to MMSJ. I also want to thank my predecessor EiC Prof. Thomas Plagemann for his professional and outstanding work to bring MMSJ to the new stage, and also for the advices given to me on smooth transition. He and Editorial Board members did a great job in the past, managing the reviewing process at a very professional level and reducing the time to publication to really amazing limits. I believe that

MMSJ will continue advancing with the efforts from all the Editorial Board members.

Among our peers, MMSJ has a unique focus on multimedia systems. This gives MMSJ an edge on feeling the pulse of the constant and rapid evolution of multimedia research. In my term as EiC, I would like to continue encouraging more work on multimedia systems, especially from emerging fields in multimedia. Also, I will promote proposals of special issues in high-impact topics which are crucial and probably deserve more attention. Last but not the least, I would like to attract perspective articles and brave-new-idea articles in emerging areas, which could bring more forward-looking discussions and activities.

I would like to conclude by expressing my gratitude again to Springer management team, to my EB, to all the reviewers and authors for their continuous efforts and contributions. I look forward to a more exciting future of MMSJ with all of you!

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