



## State of the journal

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Welcome.

The International Journal of Multimedia Information Retrieval (IJMIR) aims to provide a deep understanding of the state-of-the-art in the field of multimedia retrieval, providing the community a place to publish high quality new ideas, new paradigms and also trends and surveys of important areas.

This has been a highly successful period where we have hit a new high benchmark for the Scopus impact (same as the Web of Science impact factor but using the Scopus index) while retaining a low acceptance rate (21%) and an excellent decision response time (less than one month).

Here are some of the important statistics based on the Scopus index or provided directly by Springer-Nature on IJMIR for 2019:

- *Top 11%* of all Scopus Information Sciences Journals
- *Top 18%* of all Scopus Multimedia Journals
- *Acceptance rate 21%*
- *Submissions* 163 submissions in 2019 (157 in 2018, 142 in 2017)
- *Downloads* 46,283
- *First decision time* 25 days
- *SNIP* Source Normalized Impact Per Paper: 1.233
- *Impact* Average Citations Per Document measured in 2019 (this is the Scopus equivalent to impact factor): 3.429.

Each year, since the beginning of the ACM flagship conference on multimedia retrieval (ICMR) in 2011, there has been a special issue consisting of the top papers from ACM ICMR. The special issue for the ICMR 2019 had guest editors, K. Selçuk Candan, Marco Bertini, Xiao-Yong Wei, Lexing Xie and included the following papers:

- “Hierarchical attentive deep neural networks for semantic music annotation through multiple music representations” by Qianqian Wang, Feng Su, and Yuyang Wang
- “ContextNet: representation and exploration for painting classification and retrieval in context” by Noa Garcia, Benjamin Renoust, and Yuta Nakashima
- “Characterization and classification of semantic image-text relations” by Christian Otto, Matthias Springstein, Avishek Anand, and Ralph Ewerth
- “The Focus–Aspect–Value model for predicting subjective visual attributes” by Philipp Blandfort, Tushar Karayil, Jörn Hees, and Andreas Dengel

This quality of this journal is only a reflection of the quality of the work and service of the people in the research community. These include the editorial board, the guest editors, the authors and perhaps most importantly, the reviewers (they are the gate keepers for which papers are accepted). I would like to thank all of you for contributing to the success of IJMIR.

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