

An Extra Page for Citations in the Signal Processing Letters

DEAR prospective authors: I am sure many of you have rejoiced, like me, in learning about the new format for ICASSP papers, which includes four pages of technical content plus one for references. While not compromising the idea of having a short paper, the change allows to review the literature more thoroughly, without negotiating for space with the technical content. While we all have mixed feelings about monitoring too closely impact factor metrics, there is no doubt that this change will also benefit these quantitative measures both for the journals and for their authors. Hence, it is a win-win situation.

You may have thought that it would be nice to have the same format for the *IEEE Signal Processing Letters*. I thought so, too, and could not resist asking to change in the same fashion the official format for SPL. The good news is that the permission was granted in the last meeting of the Publication Board, with unanimous approval. After waiting for some technical time, now I can make it official.

Starting from September 2013, prospective authors are allowed to submit the letters with one additional fifth page devoted exclusively to references.

This is the last of several changes I have promoted successfully. All of these changes would not have been possible without the support I received from the Publication Board and, particularly, from our VP of Publications, Professor Mari Ostendorf. I am very grateful for the help and advice I received from her and the Board members.

I also take the opportunity of this short editorial to let you know that I will leave my post of Editor-in-Chief one year earlier, compared to the usual three-year term. It was an honor to be in this position and it was an exciting ride, but I feel that the journal is ready for new leadership. There is already a wonderful incumbent: Professor Peter Willett. Peter is currently Senior Area Editor for the *IEEE Signal Processing Letters* and brings a lot of knowledge and experience to the Editor-in-Chief post.

I hope this and previous changes I promoted will make a lasting impact to this journal, where I look forward to submit my own papers next year, once I relinquish my responsibilities as Editor-in-Chief.