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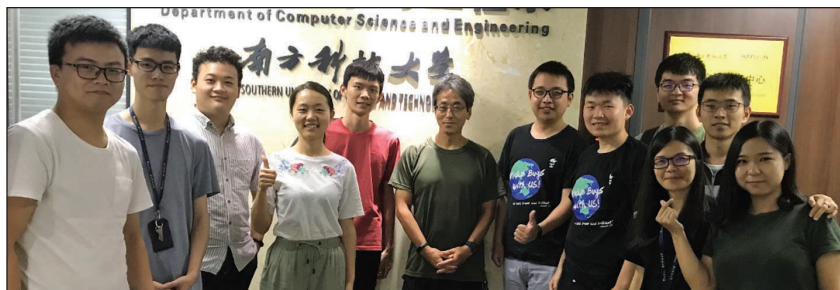
Last Editor's Remarks



In October 2013, I wrote my first Editor's Remarks for the IEEE CIM February 2014 Issue. Now I am writing my last Editor's Remarks for November 2019 Issue. My sincere thanks go out to all of you who have supported me over the years. I am happy to announce that Chuan-Kang Ting (National Tsing Hua University, Taiwan) has been appointed as the next Editor-in-Chief for 2020-2021. He has had paramount roles with many CIS activities in various capacities such as CIS Newsletter Editor, CIS Webpage Manager and CIM Associate Editor. We have already started to work together on a smooth transition of my duties. I believe that he will set a new stage for CIM into this fascinating AI era.

In the last six years, the CIM has increased its popularity as a peer-reviewed journal while playing an important role as a communication medium between the IEEE CIS and its members. I received 45 regular paper submissions in 2014, which increased to 94 in 2018. The Impact Factor in 2013 was 2.706 which increased to 5.857 in 2018. The number of paper submissions for special issues strongly depends on the topic. In the last six years, three special issues received less than 10 submissions whereas one special issue received 161 submissions: "New Trends of Learning in Computational Intelligence." In the past, almost all CIM issues were special issues. However, due to the increase in the number of regular paper submissions, it may be advantageous to decrease the frequency of special issues. The balance between regular and special issues will be addressed by our next Editor-in-Chief.

The feature topic of the current CIM issue is "Computational Intelligence for Internet of Things in the Big Data Era." IoT is a hot topic, which is one of the top three popular search terms in the IEEE Xplore together with "machine learning" and "artificial intelligence". This special issue received 46 submissions including many high-quality papers. As a result, some of these special issue papers will be published in February 2020 Issue. I hope you will enjoy all these articles in this issue. Thank you very much for supporting CIM over the years.



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