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Timelines and Deadlines

Summer in the northern hemisphere is upon us, which means different things to different people. For students, it may mean a break from school and a chance to work at a summer internship, focus more time on research, or bask in the sun paid for by your student loans. For full-time employees, it may mean driving to work with the air conditioner on and sweating when you walk to lunch. For professors, it may mean focusing solely on research and not worrying about having to take a break to teach a class or two. To me, it is an opportunity to work on research and projects of interest to me, relax with my daughter in the warm Alaskan sun (around 70°F/21°C), and rejuvenate in preparation for the next school year. And for everyone, it should mean to attend the Intelligent Vehicles Symposium, which is going to be held in beautiful Australia this year!

This issue of the *ITS Magazine* is a special issue on IV 2012, which was held in Alcala de Henares, Spain in June 2012. The guest editors of this issue are some of the organizing committee members of this highly successful conference—Miguel Angel Sotelo, Rafael Toledo-Moreo, and Meng Lu. They invited the authors of nine papers that were given very high reviews from the conference technical program committee to submit extended versions of their papers to this special issue. All of those papers went through the Magazine review process, and four of them were accepted for publication. Because of the dedication of the guest editors and the authors, we were able to get this special issue published before IV 2013. For those of you who do not realize how impressive that is, let me explain the publication process with a typical number of days for each step.

- 1) An author or authors write a paper and upload it to the *ITS Magazine*.
- 2) When an author submits a paper to the *ITS Magazine*, our editorial assistant assigns it to me, the Editor-in-Chief (3 days).
- 3) I then choose an appropriate Associate Editor (AE) for the paper, which in this case was one of the three guest editors (3 days).
- 4) The AE then finds at least three reviewers who are willing to provide a review of the paper (7 days).
- 5) The reviewers then read the paper and fill out a review form (30 days).
- 6) The AE makes a recommendation to the EiC based on the reviews (7 days).
- 7) The EiC makes a decision (3 days).
 - a) If the decision is Reject, the process is over.
 - b) If the decision is Accept, the authors then prepare all of the files for final submission, which includes the Word or LaTeX version of the paper, high resolution images, and any supporting documents (30 days).
 - c) If the decision is Prepare a Major Revision, the authors revise the paper based on the reviewers' comments and resubmit the paper (60 days). The paper is automatically assigned to the same AE, and the process goes to step 4.

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On the next issue **Special Issue on IEEE IV 2012 Workshops**



Workshop coffee break at the Hotel Parador de Alcalá de Henares

The 2012 IEEE Intelligent Vehicles Symposium Workshops took place on 3rd of June 2012 in Alcalá de Henares (Madrid), Spain, at the Hotel Parador de Alcalá de Henares. Six workshops were offered to the audience and 120 researchers from the entire world attended the Workshops day. The authors of the papers with the best reviews were invited to this special issue, agreed by the EiC of the IEEE ITS Magazine, the IV2012 General and Workshop Chairs and each Workshop Organizer.

Read the next issue of the Magazine to find the best works presented at the 2012 IEEE IV Workshops in Alcalá!

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Miguel Ángel Sotelo
General Chair
2012 IEEE Intelligent Vehicles
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Alcalá de Henares, Spain, 2012

Rafael Toledo
Workshop and Tutorial Chair
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d) If the decision is Accept with Minor Revision, the authors revise the paper based on the reviewers' comments and resubmit the paper (30 days).

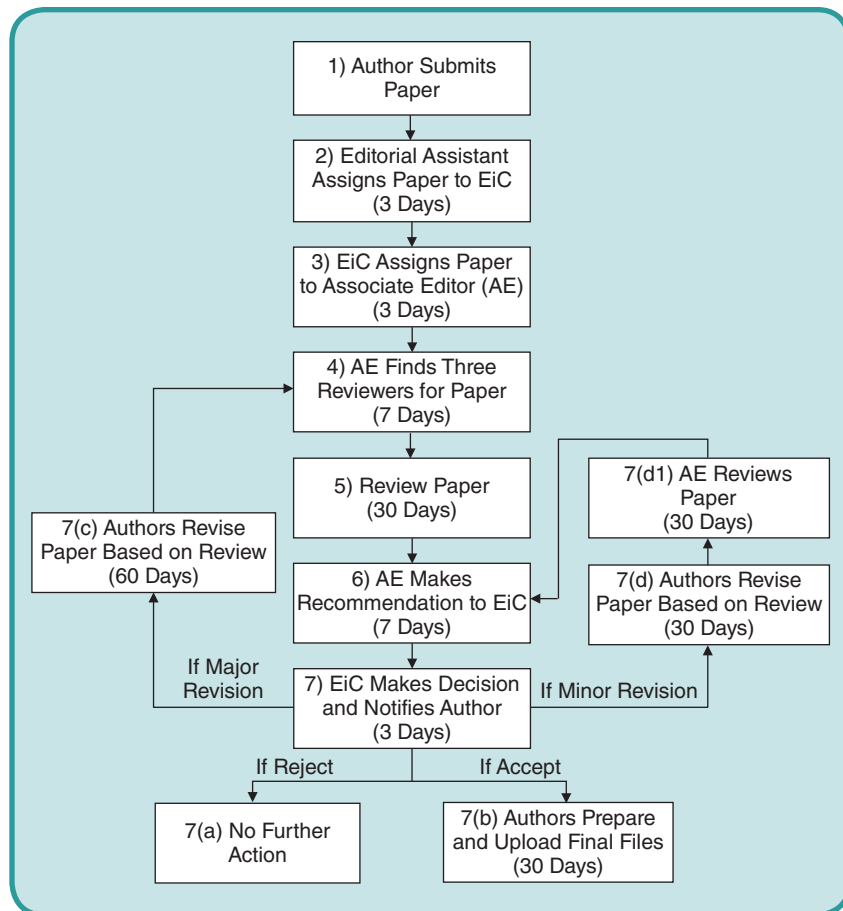
1) The AE reviews the paper to ensure the reviewers' comments were taken into consideration and makes a recommendation to the EiC (30 days). The process goes to step 7.

Taking into account that the authors had to extend their papers after IV ended (90 days), and most papers have a major *and* minor revision required, here is the total count of days:

$90 + 3 + 3 + 7 + 30 + 7 + 3 + 60 + 7 + 30 + 7 + 3 + 30 + 30 + 3 = 313$ days.

Even though you are receiving the Magazine in May, the final documents for this issue were due at the end of February, which is 60 days prior to the date the Magazine is mailed, giving us 373 days. Since this issue is being received 10.5 months (approximately 315 days) after IV 2012 ended, you can see how critical the timeline was to getting this issue published before IV 2013. Not only did the guest editors abide by the timeline, but they reduced the average time by nearly 60 days! I want to sincerely thank and commend the guest editors for their diligence in this special issue.

As you are reading this issue, I hope you are looking forward to IV 2013. In addition, to continue to showcase the success of IV 2013, the next issue of the *ITS Magazine* will



have a section dedicated to the IV 2012 workshops. We will also have a section dedicated to ITSC 2012. I hope you notice the thickness of the Magazine is increasing, which shows the great effort by everyone involved—the authors, the associate editors, the guest editors, the ITSS BoG and ExCom, and the readers. Keep up the good work!

Read, research, and write...

Jeffrey Miller

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