Message from the Editor-in-Chief

I HOPE the arrival of 2014 has brought everyone a new beginning that has been worth celebrating. At the IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON MULTIMEDIA (T-MM), we also have a new beginning in 2014, as we have just smoothly completed the transition of the Editor-in-Chief (EiC). It is my great pleasure and honor to start my service to you as the T-MM EiC as of January 2014.

As you are reading this message, T-MM is in its 16th year of successful publication. I would like to thank all colleagues and friends of the multimedia community for their strong support in the past to make T-MM the top-choice journal for publishing high-quality papers in the merging areas of multimedia research. Under the able leadership of outgoing EiC Prof. van der Schaar, T-MM has achieved significant milestones during the past three years. I am looking forward to your continued support in the future to take T-MM to its next level of excellence.

One immediate priority I would like to emphasize during my term as EiC of T-MM is to promote the active participation of the colleagues from the Technical Committees (TCs) of all four sponsoring IEEE Societies: Circuits and Systems, Communications, Computer, and Signal Processing. I firmly believe that T-MM indeed is a top IEEE journal owned by all members of the four TCs which sponsor T-MM. For those multimedia colleagues who really want to help T-MM in advancing to its next level of excellence, but are not yet a member of these sponsoring TCs, I would like to encourage you to join one of these TCs to capture the new opportunity to support T-MM. Grass-root participation of all TC members will be the best way to further enhance T-MM to reach new heights!

Working towards this end, I have initially requested the participation of TC members in the following three areas: (1) selection of new Associate Editors representing each TC; (2) submission of proposals to organize special issues in emerging areas as defined by each TC; and (3) submission of proposals to author survey articles in an area representing your TC's unique perspectives. The participation of all members in these three areas is expected in order to foster the broadest reach of T-MM to the entire multimedia community. As we move on to enhance T-MM, we shall have more initiatives in the future waiting for you to actively participate and contribute.

As multimedia is a vibrant research community, the research landscape of the multimedia research has been constantly evolving, with emerging areas of research sprouting up continuously. We plan to revise our EDICS soon so that T-MM shall best represent the dynamics of the multimedia community. We strongly welcome submissions from emerging areas in multimedia as defined by our own authors! As we all want to have a top venue to publish high-quality articles, I would like to request your help to make T-MM the go-to choice for publishing and reading papers in the broad areas of multimedia. I will be very pleased to hear your constructive comments and suggestions to help T-MM reaching its new height as one of the top IEEE Transactions. Above all, please submit your highest quality papers to T-MM!

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