## State of the Journal

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I would like to take this opportunity to bring our readership up to date on the state of the journal. When this editorial appears, it will have been two years since I assumed the role of Editor-in-Chief, on January 1, 2017. All in all, it's been another very good year. Our impact factor continues to climb, from 8.329 (2016) to 9.455 (2017), maintaining our rank as one of the top journals in computer vision and one of the top journals in all of computer science. Our submissions are up from the 917 we had last year, and as of Oct. 18, we had 923 submissions this year. However, our throughput metrics still need improvement. For papers accepted in 2018, the average time from submission to first decision is 3 months, average time from submission to final decision is 12 months, and average time from submission to publication on Xplore is just under 13 months. As I mentioned last year, with the increasing emphasis that our community places on conference papers, I'd ideally like to get the time from submission to online publication down to 6-7 months, which is comparable to the time from conference submission to conference presentation.

Over the past two years, a big part of my strategy to reduce time to acceptance and publication is to appoint more Associate Editors (AEs), which will reduce the workload per AE, hopefully allowing our AEs to focus their energy on fewer papers and shepherd them more efficiently. On top of the 26 new AEs that we added in 2017, I'm pleased to report that we've added another 22 new AEs this year, who I'll introduce shortly. I plan to add another 20-30 additional AEs over the coming year, as I continue to retire those that have exceeded their 2+2-year editorial board terms. I continue to work with Joyce Arnold on an evolving report generation strategy that flags papers that require urgent attention, as those papers contribute significantly to our average time to acceptance.

One challenge we face going forward is the IEEE Computer Society's (CS) decision last year to reduce the regular paper page limit from 14 down to 12 pages, a decision which the IEEE CS felt would help increase revenue, assuming that authors would continue to submit 14-page papers and be willing to pay for the extra two pages. While I am sympathetic to the IEEE CS's financial challenges, I strongly opposed this policy, and presented my case to the IEEE Computer Society Executive Committee, in October 2017, to no avail. I will monitor the impact of this new policy on our journal, and welcome your thoughts and reactions.

As always, the best part of my editorial is introducing our new editorial board members and thanking our retiring board members. After 5 years of outstanding service to our journal, Tinne Tuytelaars and Amir Globerson are stepping down as Associate Editors-in-Chief (AEICs). I can't thank them enough for their outstanding contributions to our journal. They both served with distinction in this challenging role, and I'm extremely grateful for their exceptional diligence, responsiveness, judgement, and support. I will sincerely miss working closely with them both.

I'm pleased to announce that Tinne and Amir will be replaced by two outstanding and highly qualified individuals: Jun Zhu and Bernt Schiele. Jun has been serving as Acting Associate Editor-in-Chief while Christoph Lampert has been on a brief leave, and I'd like to thank him for stepping up on Christoph's behalf. He's done an outstanding job, and I'm very pleased he can stay on in the role. Both Jun and Bernt bring leadership and broad expertise to the role, and I'm very grateful for their willingness to help us out. I'm really looking forward to working with them both!

I'm pleased to announce a new cohort of 22 Associate Editors that have joined since January, 2018: Octavia Camps, Gustavo Carneiro, Rogerio Feris, Charless Folwkes, Mario Fritz, Yuhong Guo, Abhinav Gupta, Bohyung Han, Tal Hassner, Vincent Lepetit, Nicolas Le Roux, Jia Li, Shua Li, Daniel Lowd, Konrad Schindler, Leonid Sigal, Jakob Verbeek, Jingdong Wang, Liang Wang, Liwei Wang, Song Wang, and Changshui Zhang. These individuals have been selected not only for their research excellence and leadership, but their good judgement and commitment to service. You'll find their pictures and brief bios at the end of this editorial. My sincerest thanks to all these new AEs for their commitment to our journal! I'm really looking forward to working closely with them.

TPAMI has always imposed term limits on its AEs and, as such, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the following outgoing AEs for their service to our journal: Ryan Adams, Thomas Brox, Tim Cootes, Derek Hoiem, Gert Lanckriet, Hugo Larochelle, Greg Mori, Yael Moses, Ian Reid, Sudeep Sarkar, Silvio Savarese, Fei Sha, Cristian Sminchisescu, Rene Vidal, and Lihi Zelnik-Manor. I'm really grateful to all the above AEs for their service to our journal; as a past AE myself, I know how time-consuming the role can be at the most inconvenient times. My sincerest thanks to them all!

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Finally, I'd like to once again express my thanks to the many individuals that have not only established *TPAMI* as an elite journal, but are instrumental in its day-to-day operations. First, I could not do this job without the help of my stellar Associate Editors-in-Chief (AEICs): Amir Globerson, Christoph Lampert, Dale Schuurmans, and Jun Zhu on the machine learning side, and Kristen Grauman, Kyoung Mu Lee, Bernt Schiele, and Tinne Tuytelaars, on the computer vision side. I'm very grateful to them all, and feel really lucky to be able to work with such an exceptionally talented team of individuals. Second, while I thanked our outgoing and incoming AEs, I'd like to also thank the bulk of our active AE cohort—the foundation of our editorial board. The heavy lifting behind selecting papers for our journal is done by our AEs, and I'm very grateful to them all for their outstanding service and commitment to our journal. Third, I'd like to thank the members of the *TPAMI* Advisory Board. Their collective experience continues to be a valuable resource to me. Finally, I'd like to offer a special thanks to Joyce Arnold who continues to be of enormous help to me, and has even found a way to provide additional support this year. I'd also like to thank the many other very helpful individuals at the IEEE and the IEEE Computer Society who have been assisting me this past year, including Hilda Carman, Jennifer Carruth, Christine Kurzawa, Kathy Santa Maria, and Kimberly Sperka. My sincerest thanks to them all!

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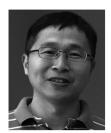


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