FOREWORD

Special Section on Smart Multimedia & Communication Systems

The Special Section on Smart Multimedia & Communication Systems in this issue reviews and promotes recent progresses in the smart multimedia and communication fields. The special section has solicited paper submissions particularly from, but not restricted to, researchers who presented their original works in the 2020 International Workshop on Smart Info-Media Systems in Asia (SISA 2020). The special section has accepted 6 papers out of 21 submissions through the regular reviewing process.
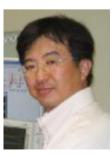
The Smart Info-Media Systems Technical Committee of the IEICE is conducting the SISA workshop series for boosting smart multimedia and communication research activities and encouraging young researchers in these fields in Asian countries to present their works. SISA 2020 was 14th workshop of SISA workshop series which started as International Workshop on Smart Info-Media Systems in Bangkok (SISB) in 2007. SISA 2020 was held Online from Dec. 17 to 18. We had two keynote speeches, 10 papers in organized special sessions and 28 regular papers. SISA 2020 technical program committee selected three papers to be awarded as SISA Student Paper Awards.

As the Guest Editors-in-Chief of this special section, we would like to thank all the authors for contributing their submissions. We would also like to thank all the reviewers and the Guest Associate Editors, who have completed the task of reviewing papers in a short time period. Finally, we would like to express our appreciation to the Guest Editor, Assistant Professor Leonardo Lanante Jr., for his excellent editorial works.

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