
FOREWORD

Special Section on Medical Imaging

Medical imaging has contributed significantly to progresses in basic medicine, clinical medicine, and medical education. Also, imaging modalities and computer system with high processing ability have been improved dramatically over the last decade. As these technology advances, the development of innovative algorithms and applications is demanded in the medical imaging field. This field consists of research and development covering a number of disciplines, including medicine, biology, engineering, and information science. Furthermore, it is desirable to build a new academic framework as a synthesis of these research fields. Because of such reasons, a special section, as the first time in English edition in IEICE Information and Systems D journal, was planned to further promote research and development of future medical imaging technology. We also have a simultaneous special section on medical imaging in Japanese edition of IEICE D journal.

We received a total of 30 submissions: 2 for survey, 24 for paper, and 4 for letter. Each manuscript was carefully reviewed, and 2 surveys, 7 papers and 2 letters were accepted for publication. We had to reject some of the interesting papers, since it is the editorial policy of IEICE transactions to reject a manuscript that requires a major revision. We hope we could see the revised versions of these manuscripts in the future issues of the IEICE transactions. In addition, we have 2 invited papers, 11 papers, and 3 letters in simultaneously published Japanese edition.

The Editorial Committee would like to thank all the authors who submitted their high-quality papers and also all the reviewers for their considerable efforts to maintain the quality of the selected papers high under a tight schedule. Finally, as the Guest Editor-in-Chief, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all the Editorial Committee Members for their outstanding volunteer efforts during the entire process of publishing this Special Section.

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