Editor's Message to Special Issue of Computer and Humanities

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Two years ago, the first special issue named "Computer and Humanities" and supported by the *Special Interest Group of Computer and Humanities* (SIG-CH) was published by the *Information Processing Society of Japan* (IPSJ). This year, I'm very happy to introduce the second special issue that focuses on studies in humanities applying information technology, studies in informatics using materials of humanities, and studies about recording, accumulation, and providing of information resources in humanities.

Since the SIG-CH was founded just 30 years ago, information technologies have improved rapidly, and the improvements have produced many remarkable research methods of the focused topics. Some of the methods digitalize knowledge from experiences of expert researchers, record activities of cultural memory keepers, develop humanities on computers, and so on.

Since every research target of the topics has strong individual characteristics, it is not easy to apply standard qualitative and/or quantitative analyses to evaluate the methods. Despite that, many researchers have been trying to solve the problems to show the worth of their researches.

This special issue contains seven papers written by frontiers of the focused topics. One of them is written in English. The members of the editorial committee consider that every paper contains valuable research methods and analyses. We hope that the papers will help our future researches on boundary areas around information technologies.

The schedule of this special issue was as follows:
- Call for papers: October 5, 2018
- Submission deadline: May 16, 2019
- Editorial committee meetings:
  - 1st: May 17, 2019
  - 2nd: August 2, 2019
  - 3rd: November 25, 2019

The total number of the submission was ten. It was less than the first special issue. To increasing the number is an important future work. Especially, it is necessary to support young researchers' submission. On the other hand, the seven of the ten was accepted. The acceptance rate was higher than expected, and showed the high-quality level of the researches.

Finally, I would like to express my appreciations to all the members in the editorial committee, the officers of the IPSJ, the authors, and the reviewers. This special issue could not be published without their important contributions.

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