

A Brief Message From the New Editor-In-Chief

STARTING with this issue, I am taking over the reins as the Editor-In-Chief (EiC) of IEEE SIGNAL PROCESSING LETTERS (SPL). It is an indescribably great honor to be following P. Willett in this role, and I thank him wholeheartedly for all the advice and pointers he has offered over the past six months that I have been “incoming EiC” under his tuition. I am also grateful to T. Pappas, Vice President for Publications, as well as the rest of the Signal Processing Society and its Publications Board, for entrusting me with this responsibility.

I first became involved with SPL almost 15 years ago, first as a reviewer, next as an author, and then as an Associate Editor, in quick succession. Over the intervening years, I have seen SPL evolving into the leading, high-impact journal that it is today, thanks to the dedication of not only my EiC predecessors but also, and in no small part, to the immense labor from editors, staff, and reviewers. I have always found the mission of SPL—swift review and publication of well-written concise papers—to be particularly attractive, since I believe that the short-paper format of the journal provides an unparalleled benefit not only to the readership but to the authors as well. Many of you reading this will be seasoned researchers who have already contributed to SPL as an author and so know this first-hand—if so, I thank you for your contribution and hope you will continue to help SPL keep on thriving.

For the others who may be just beginning their careers and may be considering submitting their first manuscript, I encourage you to consider SPL as the venue for your work, and—importantly—to help out as a reviewer (a suggested rule-of-thumb is you should review three papers for every one you

submit—it is only fair to “return the favor” in this sense). I invite you also to be on the lookout for upcoming opportunities to learn about the peer-review process—I hope to emphasize such “author training” during my tenure as an SPL EiC. Under the auspices of the SPS Publications Board, I have already helped in organizing “Ethics for Authors” sessions at ICIP 2016 and GlobalSIP 2016, and hope to be involved in further sessions in a number of the Society’s upcoming conferences. I strongly encourage those who are new to publishing with IEEE to participate in one of these sessions if you have the opportunity to do so; you will learn what to do—and what not to do—to publish not only in SPL but also in other IEEE journals, avoiding common mistakes that can result in a rejected paper (or worse!). One of my goals is to bring this ethics and etiquette discussion to within the pages of this journal as well. Better informed authors means a smoother and more pleasant experience for everyone involved—authors, editors, and reviewers.

In the meantime, please feel free to contact me or any of the other members of the Editorial Board with your comments or suggestions for SPL—we are always happy to receive your input on what we can do to further improve the journal. I look forward to seeing your submissions, and wish you all a Happy New Year!

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