I am honored to become the Editor-in-Chief of *Signal, Image and Video Processing (SIVP)*. In this editorial letter I want to discuss with you my plans for the journal and important information for prospective authors.

I am very grateful to Prof. Murat Kunt for offering me this opportunity to serve as the new Editor-in-Chief of SIVP. I appreciate all the insights and advice from Prof. Kunt who founded the journal a couple of years ago and established it as an important journal in the field of signal processing. I look forward to working with our editorial team, our reviewers and authors, and the Springer publication staff to ensure the continuing growth and success of this journal. I hope that we will continue to improve the quality of this journal to better serve the signal, image and video processing community.

To distinguish SIVP from other signal and image processing journals we want to provide a rapid review response to our authors. In particular, I want to keep the first response time less than two months for almost all submissions. To achieve this goal I decided to add Associate Editors to the journal Editorial Board. They will provide a careful, detailed and helpful review of manuscripts within two months because they are experienced, energetic and promising scholars. Obviously, this will reduce my burden and it will keep the turn-around times as short as possible. We also reduced the manuscript length to 10 pages so that the articles can be reviewed in a fast manner by the reviewers. I encourage all of our past and future authors to sign up as reviewers for the journal.

I encourage you to submit your best research work to the SIVP. We do not want to publish papers simply combining well-established signal processing algorithms in a trivial way to solve a specific signal or an image processing problem. We would like to publish original research results providing intelligent solutions to signal processing problems. Authors must include benchmarking against the best publicly available results in their manuscripts. Benchmarking results are good indicators of the quality of a manuscript. This is one of the main criteria that our reviewers will consider before deciding if a manuscript is worth publishing or not.

Ms. Rachel Roberts of Springer increased the number of issues from four to six per year. This will also help the rapid dissemination process. Since the journal is published by a leading publisher, Springer, published articles will be available throughout the leading libraries of the world. On-line first policy of the journal will continue to provide the accepted articles to be available to the research community as early as possible.

We will continue to have special issues and review articles by prominent scientists. We will not have the 10 page limit for the review articles.

On behalf of the entire community of the SIVP readers, authors, reviewers and editorial board members, I would like to thank, once again, the founding editor Murat Kunt.

We look forward to receiving your submissions, and welcome your ideas and comments for *SIVP*.

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