International Journal of Multimedia Information Retrieval
Editorial Policy

Overview

The International Journal of Multimedia Information Retrieval (IJMIR) is a scholarly archival journal publishing original, peer-reviewed research contributions. Its editorial board strives to present the most important research results in areas within the field of multimedia information retrieval. Core areas include exploration, search, and mining in general collections of multimedia consisting of information from the WWW to scientific imaging to personal archives. Comprehensive review and survey papers as well as tutorials that offer up new insights, and lay the foundations for further exploratory and experimental work, are also relevant.

Editorial Process Timeline

In the timeline of the submission process, from the date the submission is assigned to an editorial board member, we are aiming for a triple peer review in the following timeline:

- Weeks 1-2: Invitations should be sent to potential reviewers in the first week after submission.
- Weeks 3-8: After reviewers have accepted, there is a 4-6 week review period.
- Weeks 9-12: An initial decision should be made within 3 months after submission.

The decision can be one of the following:

(1) accept as is
(2) minor revisions needed
(3) major revisions needed
(4) reject

If the paper receives "accept as is" then it is ready for publication and is forwarded to the Springer editorial office. A decision of "reject" means that the paper requires revisions which would take longer than 2 months. If the paper receives "minor revisions needed" then only small changes are necessary which should only require a few weeks. If the paper receives "major revisions needed" then the paper needs substantial changes which should take less than 2 months.

In the case where a paper has already had one "major revision needed" decision and where the majority of reviewers suggest a "major revision needed" on the revised paper, IJMIR's policy is to reject the paper. The handling editor may at his discretion encourage the authors to resubmit later after extensive modifications are made as a new submission.

Submissions and Special Issues

(1) Submission of Regular and Short Papers
Regular and short papers are meant to capture the high quality original research from the community. These papers are triple peer reviewed and must make a significant contribution to the field.
We also encourage submissions from all board members (associate, section, and senior editors) of IJMIR. The board members were chosen on the criteria of being world experts and are encouraged to submit the work from their research groups.

The journal has a Section Editor who handles all submissions from board members and any potential cases of conflict of interest.

(2) Submissions of Surveys, Trends, and Tutorials
These papers are meant to capture trends, illuminate critical problems, and give insight into the state-of-the-art. In principle, they are frequently developed in discussions with editorial board members or by senior community members and will often have a representative from the journal (such as the EIC or an editorial board member) as a co-author. These papers also undergo a formal peer review by an editorial board member.

(3) Special Issues
IJMIR is interested in special issues on important research topics in MIR. The Senior Editors and the EIC have authority to approve these. Special issue proposals should be emailed to the EIC and include at least (i) the motivation/background, (ii) a sample call for papers, and (iii) short CVs of the guest editors in a PDF document.