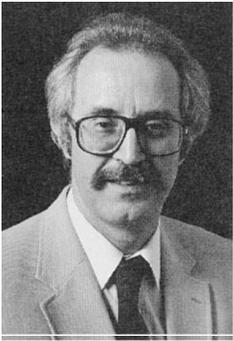

EDITORIAL



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Having passed the halfway point in my three-year term as editor of the *Journal of Electronic Imaging*, I wish to take this opportunity to reflect on the progress of the journal and offer my appreciation to the many people who have contributed to the success of JEI.

Counting both regular and special section papers, the submission rate is about two and a half times higher than it was just one year ago. The increased number of submissions is leading to a larger journal while at the same time allowing us to be selective in accepting papers. Certainly the special sections have created more submissions, but there has also been a substantial increase in regular submissions. As the size and quality of the journal continue to improve, I expect that even more imaging scientists and engineers will view JEI as the primary venue for electronic imaging publication.

I am particularly heartened by the international scope of the journal. We are receiving significant contributions from Europe, Asia, South America, and Australia. Electronic imaging is growing worldwide and that breadth is being reflected in JEI. Special sections are being organized by editors from the United States, France, Switzerland, Finland, Brazil, Canada, and Australia.

Paper topics span the range of electronic imaging and, as has been our desire, run the gamut from industrial application to mathematical modeling.

Both the diversity of the subject and the fundamental continuum from speculative theory to development and implementation are evidenced by the wide variety of topical areas covered by past, current, and future special sections, as well as regular submitted and published papers. Our goal is to provide a forum for both academic and industrial researchers.

It is not possible to individually mention everyone who has contributed to our effort. Collectively, I offer my appreciation to the associate editors, who have worked to insure high-quality papers and timely reviews; the special section guest editors, who have contributed their expertise and time to bring strongly focused topical areas to prominence in the journal; the conference chairs from the annual SPIE/IS&T Electronic Imaging Symposium, who have helped by bringing to our attention papers from their conferences; the reviewers, who have provided substantive reviews from which we can try to make fair and accurate decisions; the contributors, without whom there would be nothing to publish; and, last but not least, the staff at SPIE who have provided me with whatever support I have requested.

I hope that the next year and a half will see even greater progress, both quantitatively and qualitatively. I encourage you to submit your work to JEI and to contribute in whatever way you can to the journal's success.