EDITORIAL



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Is This Your Journal?

In my editorial in the premier issue, I asked the question "What is electronic imaging?" I indicated that I expected the journal content to follow evolving technology. JEI was intended to become *the* journal for those working in electronic imaging. With that bit of reasoning, we went forth to produce a new journal, chartered to cover electronic imaging (whatever that is) for those who work in electronic imaging (whatever that is) for those who work in electronic imaging (whatever they do). This issue completes our second year of publication. Have we lived up to your expectations?

In our tables of contents, we have always categorized the papers according to which part of an electronic imaging system is being discussed. Some papers have described standards, some the design of complete systems. By far, the majority have considered some individual element of a system, such as image acquisition, image processing, transmission and storage, or display and printing. The previous issue included a special section on nonimpact printing. Many of the papers on transmission and storage treat image compression, although a few papers have considered aspects of archival storage. Papers on image processing have been even more diverse, covering morphological processing, neural nets, and a wide variety of linear and nonlinear filtering methods. Applications covered include medical imaging, fax systems, television, and business (office) documents, to name a few. In brief, we have considered the topic to be relevant if it includes something about images that are linked to something electronic. Most of the content has been driven by what the authors choose to submit.

As one might expect, the illustrations cover an equally broad range. Most are still graphs and block diagrams, but authors have included both black-and-white and color photographs, many of them either computer generated or computer processed. Some have taken advantage of our ability to insert author-provided pages, certainly a way of guaranteeing that the page turns out just the way the author wants.

We try to maintain high standards for the papers we publish, but we have also tried to follow a loose interpretation of electronic imaging, the definition of which is being provided by the authors and referees. We hope that this self-organizing system approach to content is producing a journal that is useful to our readers.

So we ask the question "Is this your journal?" If you are active in something that you call electronic imaging, we would like you to believe that JEI is your journal. If you find the papers interesting, we hope you subscribe. If you would like others to know about your work, we hope you will submit papers for possible publication. If you consider yourself well versed in some aspects of electronic imaging, drop me a note (paper or electronic) to volunteer to referee papers. Remember, for every paper we publish, we need at least two referees. With our rate of submittals increasing, we have need for an ever-increasing supply of referees. However you choose to participate, you will be influencing the future of JEI and increasing the chances that it will be your journal.

We continue to strive to improve communications in the field of electronic imaging. Let me know if you have suggestions.