

From the Editor in Chief:

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JAIF Editorial Board

The Board of Directors of ISIF voted in 2004 to establish JAIF as a peer reviewed journal publishing articles in the area of information fusion. The critical and key element of a peer review journal is its editorial board. As Editor-in-Chief (EIC) for JAIF, I have attempted to assemble a strong editorial board with international representation from both academia and industry. The editorial board includes 15 editors from seven different countries and six editors from academia and nine editors from industry.

The editorial board for JAIF includes an EIC, an associate EIC, administrative editors, area editors, and associate editors. The inside cover of each issues identifies the individuals that hold these positions and the list of the technical areas represents the scope of JAIF.

The EIC is responsible for the day-to-day editorial operations of the JAIF. The EIC is responsible for identifying and maintaining the appropriate technical areas of JAIF. Editorial operations primarily relate to the timely review of manuscripts submitted to JAIF. The EIC consults with the vice president of ISIF for publications (VP-Pubs) on extraordinary issues. The EIC and the VP-Pubs consult on the strategic vision for JAIF. For 2005–2010, Yaakov Bar-Shalom served and continues to serve as the VP-Pubs.

The associate EIC serves in roles of the EIC as designated by the EIC. The EIC consults with the associate EIC on strategic and management issues. Generally, an associate EIC will also be an Area Editor for JAIF.

The administrative editor is responsible for manuscript post-acceptance handling and subsequent publication. This includes management of copy-editing, typesetting, assembly of complete issues of JAIF, and delivery to ISIF of properly meta-tagged and indexed manuscripts.

Each technical area of JAIF is managed by an area editor, who is directly responsible for all manuscripts submitted to that area. A manuscript is assigned to an associate editor (AE) who directly manages its review. Area editors will also serve in the role of an AE in their area of expertise and can assign manuscripts to themselves for review management.

Each manuscript submitted to the JAIF is assigned to an AE. The AE assigns reviewers and assures that these referees deliver their reviews in a timely fashion. The AE delivers the ultimate decision (accept/reject/revise) on each manuscript. Unless the AE is also the area editor, the AE is responsible to the area editor of their technical area.

Area editors are appointed by the EIC. In consultation with the associated area editors, AEs are appointed by the EIC. While the EIC has ultimate authority over the selection of AEs and area editors, it is expected that in most cases that the VP-Pubs will be consulted on appointments by the EIC. Appointments are made based on publication record, familiarity with the subject area, prior relationship and contribution to the ISIF community, and recommendations from relevant experts. Publication record must include multiple articles in peer re-

viewed journals with publication standards similar to JAIF. Familiarity with the subject area and prior relationship to the ISIF community is best demonstrated by quality reviews of articles for JAIF. Each editor's performance (acceptance rate, timeliness, etc.) is continuously reviewed by the area editor and EIC. The EIC is appointed by the VP-Pubs and serves at the pleasure of ISIF BoD—normally for a term of six years, beginning in January.

Further details on the editorial policies and procedures of JAIF are available for review at www.isif.org. These peer review guidelines establish the peer review standards for JAIF and it is the intent of the editorial board to maintain those standards.

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