One of the goals of our society is to provide students and young researchers with suitable opportunities for publishing their research results. In this issue, we primarily focus on this goal.

In 2015, we published the first “student and young researcher papers” special issue. We welcome research papers on any topic our community covers, so long as the first author is either a student or young researcher who has not yet obtained their PhD. In 2014, we received 21 submissions total. From these submissions, we accepted 6 papers. In response to the successful first year, we decided to continue this series. We acquired 30 submissions last year.

For this special issue, we organized a group of special committee members familiar with our “Do’s and Don’ts” reviewing policy. From the 30 submissions we received this year, we were able to accept 10 papers this year.

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