Editor’s Message to Special Issue of Young Researchers’ Papers

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To expand the information processing technologies, creating an environment in which young researchers including students are willing to research with their idea and/or curiosity is indispensable. Within this context, one of the most important mission of IPSJ is to promote activities by young researchers who will lead the next generation of ICT. This special issue is the third one after the previous two issues promoted in 2014 and 2015.

The editorial committee was organized by both the editorial board members and the editorial committee members of “Journal of Information Processing” who have engaged in editorial activities for long time. We aimed careful and speedy publication of papers by taking full advantage of our experience.

We received 14 submissions until the deadline, and then assigned a meta-reviewer to each paper in the first 10 days after the deadline, which was done by the 1st online editorial board. The 2nd editorial board was held on 8th August and the 3rd editorial board was held on 7th November. As a result, 8 papers were accepted.

Usually, peer reviewers cannot have perfect referee standards, but based on both peer and meta-reviewer reports, we discussed much at the editorial boards so that at least novelty or usefulness is sufficient to accept. Evaluation of a paper is ultimately whether readers consider it useful or not, and we should not reject any useful papers in editing stage. I believe that these policies were thoroughly implemented.

Lastly, I would like to express my gratitude to all of the members who submitted, the Editorial Board members who gave consideration to the careful review despite their busyness, and the reviewers.

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