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We want YOUR papers for JAIF!

The *Journal for Advances in Information Fusion* (JAIF), the flagship publication of ISIF, started in 2006 and this (eighth) issue completes its 4th year. While JAIF is a free-access and no-fees-for-authors on-line journal, hard copies of it were distributed as part of the registration package at several FUSION Conferences.

As indicated in a previous editorial, one of our goals is to ensure the high standards of this flagship publication, as appropriate for an archival publication that is worth of this designation. JAIF is fortunate to have as Founding Editor-in-Chief, W. Dale Blair, who with his extensive experience as Editor-in-Chief of the *IEEE Transactions on Aerospace and Electronic Systems*, managed to put together the publication mechanism and orchestrate, together with a dedicated Editorial Board and referees, a reviewing process that is both thorough and is completed (most of the time...) in a timely manner. While the review process can be sometimes painful (I am speaking from my own experience—when I was at the receiving end of harsh reviewer comments)), the final result is always a better paper that is worthy to be archived.

However, there is another part that is needed: YOU, the authors of good papers. Many of the papers presented at the annual FUSION conferences are suitable for submission to JAIF. We approached the candidates for the best paper awards and invited them to submit their papers to JAIF. Since all conference papers can use revisions and improvements, we suggested to the authors to put on their "best dress" for the journal submission. We would also like to invite other authors of papers at FUSION to consider submission to JAIF if they feel the paper is ready for an archival publication.

I realize how difficult and time consuming such a revision can be. I also realize that in non-academic jobs such an endeavor can have negative repercussions. Since in most cases this is not part of the "day job", it requires spending time that otherwise could be used for family, recreation, or other purposes. Furthermore,

speaking from my own personal experience (as well as actual events that occurred to colleagues), there can be other consequences, like having a boss who could develop a negative attitude towards the author because of this. Nevertheless, in the long run the talents and perseverance will prevail, so such an endeavor is bound to bear fruits that that are not obvious when the author "sweats it out".

I want to take this opportunity to thank the entire Editorial Board (all volunteers) for their work and solicit additional volunteers for both editorial work as well as reviewers.

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