Note from the Editor

Amy Neustein

I am honored to serve as the new Editor-in-Chief of the *International Journal of Speech Technology*. The Journal, under the stewardship of my predecessor, Dr. Daryle Gardner-Bonneau, achieved its outstanding reputation for promoting research into all aspects of speech input and output, including theory, experiment, testing, base technology, and applications. The Journal has become the leading edge publication for speech applications, employing digitized speech, synthesized speech, or automatic speech recognition.

The authors' many contributions to the Journal over the years have encompassed new algorithms and novel speech interfaces, along with improved ways of designing and testing the intelligibility, naturalness, accuracy, and other computational issues of speech systems. By presenting new research findings on international and local language implementations of speech synthesis and recognition, the Journal has similarly shown an interest in globalization and localization. It is against this illustrious background that I assume the daunting task, as EIC, of ensuring that IJST maintains its role as the leading forum for research and development of speech system design.

To accomplish this Herculean task, the existing Editorial Board has been enhanced by the addition of some of the world's leading speech developers, computer scientists and engineers, linguists and cognitive scientists. I have also recruited outstanding members of the AI community, who are noted for their research in natural language processing, and leaders in the various fields of Information Technology, who understand how newer and better methods for processing natural speech can enhance computer capabilities for the processing, storing and use of vital information.

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