
E D I T O R I A L



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"A Year Has Passed"

It is hard to believe that just about one year ago I was sitting here trying to prepare my editorial for the premier issue of the *Journal of Electronic Imaging*. A lot of paper has passed over my desk since then.

In the past year, we published the premier issue of JEI, followed by three additional quarterly issues, thus successfully completing Volume 1. Volume 1 contains a total of 424 pages, with 40 technical papers, 5 book reviews, meeting and short course calendars, a few advertisements, and assorted other items. We haven't done this alone.

I described our peer review process in my editorial in Vol. 1, No. 3, so I won't repeat it here. Let it suffice to say that we now have about 150 referees who have assisted us by reviewing at least one paper and some of them have been pressed into service for several reviews. As one person pointed out to me, for the peer review process to work, everyone who authors a paper should expect to act as a referee for two papers, there being two referees (at least) per paper. The referees have made many constructive suggestions and, unfortunately, have had to recommend rejection of about 20% to 25% of the papers submitted, either for lack of novelty, severe lack of clarity, or simply a subject matter inappropriate for this journal.

In addition to the referees, many staff members at the IS&T and SPIE offices, as well as at the editor's and associate editor's offices, have helped to publish the journal. Of course, without the authors' contributions, we would have nothing to publish.

You may have noted that one item is lacking in Volume 1, namely, there is no correspondence section. The reason is simple—there was no correspondence to publish. We do not make a distinction among manuscripts by length; any paper containing new scientific or engineering

information is considered a technical paper. By correspondence, we mean letters that comment on either the technical papers (we will give the authors a chance to respond) or on any aspect of the journal or its procedures (the editor may choose to respond). It would be surprising if no one has useful suggestions for improvement of JEI but, to date, they have chosen to remain silent.

As we have said before, you can contact me by paper mail or electronic mail at the addresses on the masthead. We appreciate your comments and, if they might be of general interest, we will start a correspondence section.