
FOREWORD

Special Section on Human Communication IV

Human Communication Studies focus on the role played by Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) in human communication processes. It is committed to improving the theory and methodology concerning the adoption, use, applications, effects, and the psychological, social, and policy implications of ICTs. Areas of research include human communication sciences, human information processing, media experience and virtual environment, well-being information technology, human probe, informatics science on cognition and behaviors, verbal and nonverbal communications and other technologically mediated social interaction and networking at all levels of analysis (internal, interpersonal, group, organizational, national, and international). The objective of this special section is to publish and overview recent progress in the interdisciplinary area of human communication. We called for papers that make an innovative and original contribution to our understanding of ICTs, with a focus on the technology within the context of human communication.

The editorial committee received a total of 12 submissions. After a thorough and careful review process, the editorial committee has finally selected four papers, covering a wide range of topics from sensory and perceptual levels to communication support.

On behalf of the editorial committee of the special section, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all who submitted their valuable papers. I am also grateful to the external reviewers and the editorial committee members, especially the Guest Editors-in-Chief of this special section, Dr. Kazunori Terada, and the Guest Associate Editors-in-Chief, Dr. Sumaru Niida, Dr. Kazuki Takashima, Dr. Keisuke Doman, Dr. Kohei Matsumura, Dr. Hideyuki Ando for their devoted efforts towards the success of the special section and the progress of research on human communication studies.

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