FOREWORD

Special Section on Multidisciplinary and Innovative Key technologies in Advanced communication systems (MIKA)

More than 200 researchers from various fields participated in MIKA 2018, 2019, and 2021. They actively exchanged opinions and engaged in interdisciplinary research and development discussions focusing on wireless communication technologies. Furthermore, as the next step of MIKA, we have planned a special section on the IEICE transactions and a special cluster in the IEICE letter journals. In the special section/cluster, research papers related to innovative communication network technologies, not limited to wireless communication technologies, have been widely invited by the open call from the IEICE Communications Society. One of the scopes of this special section/cluster is to publish valuable papers from such a wide range of academic and industry fields, which will lead to new seeds of technological innovation. Therefore, papers from other societies and groups are welcome.

The noteworthy feature of the special section/cluster is dealing with full papers and letters in Japanese or English. They are published in the English or Japanese editions of the IEICE Transactions on Communications and IEICE Communications Express (ComEX).

Throughout the peer review, this special section/cluster contains four invited papers, three full papers, two letters in Japanese, four invited papers, four full papers, and one letter in English.

On behalf of the editorial committee, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all of the authors, the reviewers, and the IEICE publishing office who supported this special section/cluster.

We hope the papers published here stimulate widely future work in communication technologies.

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