

About This Issue

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The issue of the Transactions of the Society of Instrument and Control Engineers, Volume E, highlights selected 18 papers from the First International Workshop on Networked Sensing Systems 2004, INSS2004, which was held at Tokyo University, Japan June 22-23, 2004. The vision for INSS is to form symbiosis of networking and sensing technologies for researchers, engineers, and practitioners in various fields. In response to INSS2004 call-for-papers, a total of 58 papers from around the world were submitted. The 26 program committee members and some additional referees participated in the review process. As the results, 28 oral presentations, 7 short presentations and 15 poster presentations have been organized into 10 sessions and a poster session, covering wide range of topics in networked sensing systems and related technologies. First job in the program committee was to make mutual understanding between the usual management ways of the committees of information and sensor societies. And they argued and decided the management way of this workshop to which it can be mutually convinced. The way of this conference is probably the first trial, and the opinion from you is a welcome.

The special issue required substantial efforts from the authors and the reviewers to ensure quality of the papers. We would like to thank them for their efforts.

Organizing committees of INSS is running the workshop. Second INSS 2005 was held at San Diego, June 2005. And Third INSS 2006, elevated from workshop to conference, will be held at Chicago, May 2006.

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