

# Editorial Statement

In 2015, ACM introduced a new series of journals under the umbrella of *Proceedings of the ACM* (PACM). The goal for each of these new journals is to provide an alternative journal-based publication model for research that is typically presented at some of the major ACM-sponsored conferences. Each PACM title will cross multiple intellectual communities, and the name of a particular PACM title is chosen to best represent the intellectual range of multiple conference communities. One of the first PACM titles to be established was IMWUT: Proceedings of the ACM on Interactive, Mobile, Wearable and Ubiquitous Technologies. Its title was chosen to cover research communities that typically publish in conferences that deal with technologies and applications involving interaction with end users in the post-PC era, including mobile, wearable and otherwise ubiquitous designs.

The first community to join PACM IMWUT is that of the ACM International Joint Conference on Pervasive and Ubiquitous Computing (UbiComp), which as of 2017 no longer publishes a main-track proceedings and instead directs authors to submit to PACM IMWUT. Successful authors are invited to present their work at the upcoming conference. We expect other conferences to join PACM IMWUT in the future, resulting in a thematic organization of the journal into sections related to particular research communities.

In designing the PACM IMWUT review process, our goal was to combine the quick turnaround reviews that are expected for conference submissions with the opportunity to have a significant revise and resubmit process to encourage the kind of author-reviewer exchange that results in stronger research contributions. PACM IMWUT has quarterly submission deadlines, when authors can submit new articles for review. Each paper will be reviewed within 6 weeks, resulting in either an Accept (with minor revisions), Major Revisions Required (to be submitted within 6 months of initial submission), or Reject decision. Quarterly issues of PACM IMWUT will appear March 1, June 1, September 1 and December 1 each year.

The Editor-in-Chief and Editors for PACM IMWUT are very pleased to see the publication of this inaugural issue of PACM IMWUT. Though there are only three articles in this first issue, our pipeline for future issues is promising. In the first submission cycle, 41 papers were submitted and of those 22 were asked for major revisions. We expect a good number of those 22 papers to be ultimately accepted over the coming months. We are grateful to our newly-formed Editorial Board consisting of more than 70 experts for lending their support and knowledge to the new journal.

More information about PACM IMWUT can be found at <http://imwut.acm.org/>.

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