

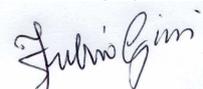
PhD Thesis Data Base Invitation

The European Signal Processing Association has created and is maintaining a database of PhD manuscripts at <http://theses.eurasip.org>, where full-text PhD theses in the area of signal, speech and image processing can be freely posted and downloaded. The PhD thesis database is part of EURASIP's "Open Library", which also contains a collection of freely downloadable conference proceedings -including all recent EUSIPCO proceedings. We believe that the "Open Library" in general, and the PhD thesis database in particular will be a very valuable source of information, a place where documents can be posted and found that are otherwise typically not well distributed. The database is presently World's largest one in the area of signal processing. The database also keeps tracks of monthly downloads and publishes regularly in its page the 10 top downloaded theses.

Every year a committee of experts nominated by the EURASIP BoD selects up to three theses related to different areas of signal processing to be awarded. The selection process is based on the evaluation of the impact of the theses, their subsequent journal and conference publications and related citations received, and on the review reports of three independent reviewers as well as on the download statistics. The download statistics are instrumental only in forming a short-list of the top 20 theses. In order to select the 20xx best PhD theses, the temporal window of the years 20xx-5 through 20xx-3 is considered. The awards will be presented during the Awards Ceremony at EUSIPCO 20xx. Each award consists of a certificate and of a cash amount of 1K Euros.

With this message, we would like to invite you to make PhD theses from your Institute available through our database. We also invite you to forward this invitation to your collaborators and colleagues. To make the PhD thesis database fully representative, we indeed invite everyone who has recently -and not so recently- defended or supervised a PhD thesis in the area of signal, speech and image processing, to post it in our database. PhD manuscripts written in any European language are accepted, when complemented by an abstract written in English.

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