Note from the editors of the special issue of the best paper nominees from the 2011 International Symposium on Wearable Computers

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The International Symposium on Wearable Computers (ISWC) is the premier forum for wearable computing and issues related to on-body and worn mobile technologies. The conference's first convocation was in 1997, making it the oldest peer-reviewed annual conference in the fields of wearable and ubiquitous computing. ISWC brings together researchers, product vendors, fashion designers, textile manufacturers, users, and related professionals to share information and advances in wearable computing. Contributions focused on mobile phones and mobile music players are encouraged, as these devices have become the most successful wearable computers to date. In recent years, the conference has co-located with Pervasive Computing, in an attempt to unify the growing ubiquitous computing community.

For ISWC2011, the acceptance rate for full papers was 19.4%. Of all accepted submissions, 42% were from

Europe, 35% from Asia, and 23% from the United States. We have chosen from these submissions the top five papers as judged by the program committee and requested that the authors expand their contributions by updating the work or providing more analysis and data as appropriate. The updated papers entered another review process with at least three additional reviewers to be considered for acceptance for this special issue of Personal and Ubiquitous Computing. In the case of a conflict of interest, the reviews of the paper were handled by an impartial party. Upon acceptance, authors were given a final chance to revise their papers to address reviewers' suggestions. We are excited to present the results in this volume and hope to see you at future ISWCs!

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