Introduction to the focused issue of award-nominated papers from JCDL 2013

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The papers in this issue represent some of the best-received research presented at the ACM/IEEE Joint Conference on Digital Libraries in 2013 [1]. The papers were originally selected based on their nomination for one of the conference's best paper awards. The set of nominated papers was then narrowed based on a combination of their original reviews and subsequent examination by the conference program chairs and senior program committee members. After the work's presentation at the conference, authors were asked to expand on the presentation of their work, taking advantage of feedback from both before and after the conference.

The papers in this issue include a mixture of technical and social results related to a range of themes: automatic or semi-automatic metadata generation, archiving, and citation and comment analysis. They have gone through a rigorous additional review cycle ensuring both the quality of the work and that the results go beyond what was presented at the conference. As such, they represent some of the strongest work from the JCDL community.

The earlier version of the paper "A Comprehensive Evaluation of Scholarly Paper Recommendation Using Potential Citation Papers", by Sugiyama and Kan [2] received the conference's 2013 Vannevar Bush Best Paper Award. The earlier version of the paper by Suppawong Tuarob, Line C. Pouchard, and C. Lee Giles, "A Generalized Topic Modeling Approach for Automatic Document Annotation" [3], received the Best Student Paper Award. Both papers have

been updated and extended for appearance in this issue. The issue also includes extended versions of three additional excellent papers, which were among those receiving recognition through award nomination.

We thank the authors for their willingness to extend their papers as well as the issue's reviewers for their careful reading and evaluation. The combined effort has resulted in the strengthening of a set of already strong contributions to our field's literature. The diversity of topics and of research groups represented, both in this issue and also in the full conference proceedings, reflects the dynamic and evolving nature of the worldwide digital libraries community.

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