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The Journal will publish a Special Issue of papers presented at the MetroSea 2025 Workshop, held in Genova, Italy 8-10 October 2025. The IEEE OES is a Platinum Sponsor of MetroSea 2025, which will provide a venue for the presentation of a variety of measurement technologies, both traditional (but improved) and new, possibly integrated with new statistical and machine learning techniques, that work towards advancing research for sustainable ocean management. MetroSea 2025 focuses on climate change, extreme weather event monitoring, pollution, erosion and the monitoring of critical infrastructure, ships, wind farms, and other key facilities. Topics of interests include:

- Robot-based measurement systems
- Satellite and aerial remote sensing
- Underwater communication
- Artificial Intelligence for ocean data processing, analysis and interpretation
- New sensor and instrumentation developments
- Novel modelling, software, and data processing techniques that support the interpretation and understanding of ocean measurements and observations

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When submitting their papers, authors must also upload a copy of their MetroSea 2025 paper as a supplementary materials file and explain in their cover letter how the symposium paper has been extended. The MetroSea 2025 paper must be explicitly cited in the paper and appear in its bibliography.

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