

Editorial

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“We live in a society exquisitely dependent on science and technology, in which hardly anyone knows anything about science and technology.” – Carl Sagan, 1990

Citizen Science represents a rapidly growing application space for human computation as well as an opportunity for the general public to learn about science through participation. This special issue of *Human Computation* includes a carefully vetted sample of articles submitted by attendees of the 3rd annual Citizen Cyberscience Summit. These papers were selected inasmuch for their meritorious scholarship as for their diversity in representing a spectrum of HC methods, ranging from crowdsourced micro-tasking to hybrid AI learning methods, and across domains as diverse as Quantum Physics and Archeology.

We are especially grateful to our special issue editor, Greg Newman, for his craftsmanship in assembling this relevant collection of papers and for his execution diligence, which enabled its timely publication. We are also grateful, as always, to our growing community of engaged reviewers, who help ensure that our editorial standards are met, even when review criteria are extended to meet the special needs of manuscripts provided by nontraditional contributors.

Indeed, the community of contributors to this issue includes scientists, private industry practitioners, and citizen science participants themselves. We believe that this diverse spectrum of perspectives will be useful to the HC community in both communicating new results and characterizing new research needs.

We hope this issue helps inform new HC research and inspires new citizen science projects.

Collectively yours,

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