

Editorial

Preface: Proceedings of the 7th International Electronic Conference on Sensors and Applications [†]

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This year's edition saw increased collaboration online during virtual presentations, an increased number of submissions and dialogue and the inclusion of conference committee members worldwide. Video recordings of the sessions and open access to papers and presentations can be found online at <https://ecsa-7.sciforum.net/>.

ECSA-7 collected contributions concerning four thematic areas where sensors are changing science (Chemo and Biosensors, Physical Sensors, Sensor Networks, Applications) and five focus area sessions (Smart Cities, Structural Health Monitoring Technologies, Wearable Sensors, Optical Sensors and Women in Sensors), see <https://ecsa-7.sciforum.net/>. In total 115 technical contributions and 2 keynote presentations were gathered, and all went through an independent peer-review process. During the conference, 6 live sessions held online successfully.

A companion special issue of Sensors, see https://www.mdpi.com/journal/sensors/special_issues/ecsa7, will collect full-length versions of selected papers.

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