



Advances in AI for Intelligent Autonomous Systems

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

As unmanned aerial vehicles become an increasingly mainstream technology and their utilisation more ubiquitous, the opportunities afforded by their becoming more autonomous and “intelligent” multiply. There is a wide variety of applications in which an ability for drones to operate semi-independently from a human pilot could bring substantial advantages.

For this Special Issue, we invite original contributions presenting advances in Artificial Intelligence (machine learning, visual pattern recognition, swarm intelligence, etc.) that significantly increase the autonomy of unmanned systems, whether operating individually or as a team. Rigorous theoretical or simulation-based studies, prototype implementation reports, and experimental results are equally welcome, as are comprehensive literature surveys and reviews. Innovative research on the interaction between humans and “intelligent” drones (interface design, concepts of operation, etc.) or the control of autonomous platforms is also of interest.

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