Special Issue

Unmanned Aerial Vehicles for Enhanced Emergency Response

Message from the Guest Editors

Unmanned-aerial-vehicle-based (UAV-based) emergency communication systems can overcome terrain limitations and offer flexible communication capability based on UAVs' mobility and multi-dimensional functions, including communication, sensing and computing. This Special Issue invites manuscripts including but not limited to the following themes:

- Real-time sensor data gathering for situation awareness;
- Advanced autonomous navigation algorithms for UAVs under dynamic environments;
- Efficient communication systems for coordination among UAVs;
- Edge computing strategy for on-the-fly data processing for UAVs;
- Coordination of UAVs with satellite and terrestrial networks;
- Secure information exchange in sensitive contexts for UAV-aided communication.

We welcome contributions ranging from original research articles to comprehensive reviews that explore the multifaceted applications of drones in emergency contexts.

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