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Dear Colleagues,

I am writing regarding Dr. Marius Leordeanu and our journal paper

Robert T. Collins, Yanxi Liu, Marius Leordeanu , “Online Selection of Discriminative Tracking Features”, IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence, October 2005, vol. 27 no. 10, pp. 1631-1643.

Although I am the first author, all authors contributed equally, and both Marius and I were corresponding authors for the work while it was being handled by IEEE. Indeed, the PAMI publication itself does not make this distinction (I have attached the published version as downloaded from the journal site). The single corresponding author mentioned in the ISI system is probably circumstantial, having to do, in this case, with me being the one who sent the final camera-ready version to the publisher. I can attest that Marius made key and profound contributions to both the research and to the journal paper presenting that research.

Please also allow me to say two further things. First, the “citation culture” of the computer vision field differs from some other fields in that conference publications are highly competitive, and as a result, the conference papers themselves are considered of archival quality. This is to say that papers in the top-tier vision conferences such as CVPR, ICCV and ECCV are just as significant as journal articles with respect to citation counts in our field. Secondly, I want to say that I have followed Marius’ career and publications since I left CMU in 2005 to join Penn State. In that time, he has continued to do very creative and influential work. Indeed, the work of some of my students traces directly back to ideas that we first learned from reading Marius’ papers. I hope you will take these comments into consideration when making your decision.

Sincerely,

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