

## From the Editor-in-Chief

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Dear Colleagues:

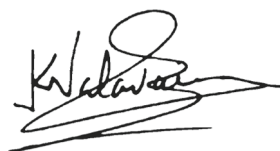
Research and development in Robotics and Automation, and Unmanned Systems, has been in steady rise and we are witnessing an exponential growth in new findings, new applications and new ideas that stimulate basic, applied research and also development. As JINT is in the center of this rapidly growing area, it is only natural that we try to ‘register’ the state-of-the-art in topics of interest to the readers, to scientists, engineers, end-users and practitioners.

I would like to invite all of you to consider submitting either state-of-the-art surveys in a specific topic (i.e., medical robotics and applications, robot hands, humanoids, robot vehicles, reconfigurable robotic systems, etc.) or to consider special issues in a specific topic, but with experimental results and real case studies. This is an opportunity to present the most recent

advances in an area that continues to rapidly expand – although, most likely, by the time a survey paper or a special issue is printed it will be kind of ‘outdated’ or ‘old’; regardless, it leaves its mark and it is important for all those who want to conduct research in this area.

Take advantage of the summer months, submit your contribution to JINT.

Enjoy the issue.



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