Editorial

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This journal was founded in 1989 to publish research at the junction of theory and practice of formal methods in computing. Our success over the last quarter of a century is due in no small measure to our editorial board. The members of the board pay an important role in processing submissions; indeed our submission procedure begins with authors contacting a board member who they regard as most closely related to their area of work. Therefore, as editors in chief, past and present, we wish to put on record our thanks to those who have served on our editorial board and have now retired:

• Egidio Astesiano	• David Gries	• Paritosh Pandya
• Roland Backhouse	• David Harel	• Benjamin Pierce
• Andrzej Blikle	• Eric Hehner	• John Rushby
• Tim Denvir	• Otthein Herzog	• Dan Simpson
• Susan Gerhart	• Jayadev Misra	• John Williams
• Gerhard Goos	• Tom Maibaum	• Zhou Chou Chen

Sadly, the journal has outlived other colleagues who gave us their time and are fondly remembered:

- Ole-Johan Dahl
- Robin Milner
- Reiji Nakajima
- Michel Sintzoff
- Jan van de Snepscheut
- Roger Shaw

On a happier note, we are delighted to welcome 15 new members to the editorial board:

• Andrew Butterfield	• Shinichi Honiden	• Jose Nuno Oliveira
• Ewen Denney	• Gerwin Klein	• Augusto Sampaio
• Xinyu Feng	• Daniel Kroening	• Gerhard Schellhorn
• Anne Haxthausen	• Dominique Mery	• Heike Wehrheim
• Robert Hierons	• David Naumann	• Naijun Zhan

Over the years our aims and scope (and indeed formal methods) have developed. They have evolved rather than changed—they have just become more refined and up to date. Our new editors bring new and complementary research topics to strengthen the board's expertise in formal methods; these include:

- Formal and semi-formal methods integration
- Formal approaches to software testing
- Model and program transformation
- Unifying Theories of Programming
- Semantics and use of functional programming languages
- Verifiable design methods
- Design by contract
- Security and safety
- Self-adaptive systems
- Formal aspects of the hardware/software interface
- Separation Logic
- Rely-guarantee reasoning
- Shared-memory concurrency
- Compositional analysis
- Theorem prover development
- Mechanised verification
- Model checking
- Practical formal verification
- Proof-carrying code

The current editorial board is listed elsewhere in the journal, and contact details and specialities of its members can be found on our website (<http://www.springer.com/computer/theoretical+computer+science/journal/165>).

We are, of course, also grateful to those continuing to serve on the editorial board. A special thanks is due to John Cooke who has handled the production interface with Springer throughout the 27 years of the journal's existence.

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