From the Editor-in-Chief

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Dear Colleagues:

The double issue at hand is the last one of 2011. Looking ahead, and after careful planning, the Springer Editorial Office and I are pleased to announce that the “look” of our journal will be refreshed effective with the first issue of 2012. The editorial board will be expanded, too, as the demands are increased and the number of contributed papers is continuously increasing.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all authors, all reviewers, all Editors and the Springer Team (Nathalie, Anneke, Marie Veth and Joey) for their hard work, continuous support and encouragement over the years. We have accomplished a lot over the past 5 years, but the best is yet to come. On a personal note, I wish all of you Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, health and prosperity to you and your loved ones. Last but not least, let us hope for peace on earth as we live in challenging if not dangerous times.

Enjoy the issue.

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