From the Editor-in-Chief

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Dear Colleagues,

I want to devote this editorial exclusively to the Springer team. I want to express my gratitude to the people behind JINT. I want to make sure that we all give them the long overdue credit they deserve. So, please, send them an e-mail, thank them, they deserve it.

Since I became editor-in-chief of JINT, I have worked with Ms. Nathalie Jacobs and her Assistant Ms. Anneke Pot. Our collaboration has been excellent. These two ladies know what it takes to run a successful journal. Note that JINT is only one of their responsibilities. Not only they are extremely knowledgeable, but they are also fun. When Dina and I visit Springer in Dordrecht for our annual meeting, we are taken care off and we also see their 'social' face that is friendly, warm and very collegial. I have invited them to Crete and I expect them to find time and visit the Greek Islands.

For the last few years, Ms. Marie Veth Chua is the driving force behind the Editorial Manager, and the person I correspond with on a regular

basis. She is the one who makes sure that I, as editor, do my job, reminding me often of what I am supposed to do. I thank her for her passion and professionalism and I apologize for giving her hard time (on occasion, but not on purpose). The funny thing is that I have not met her, we only correspond via e-mail. Last, but not least, Ms. Irish Marino joined the team, being responsible for the process to publish papers after they are accepted. She is the newest member of the team, but she has made the transition period very smooth.

So, I have introduced you to the four ladies, Springer's Angels (not Charlie's Angels) who are running the show. Thank you ladies for you have done and all you are doing for JINT and Springer.

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