From the Editor-in-Chief

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Dear Colleagues,

The new academic year is about to start. Let us hope it is better than the previous ones. Let us also hope that JINT fulfills its role as an archive journal and as a source of knowledge for those interested in the broad areas of robotics, automation, mechatronics, intelligent systems and unmanned systems, to say the least.

I would like to take this opportunity and ‘throw an idea’ to the readers of JINT: How about devoting a ‘special issue’ to engineering undergraduate education challenges? How about talking about ‘re-engineering undergraduate curricula’? How about online distance learning? How about virtual laboratories? How about undergraduate research? I realize that there is not enough space to list relevant topics one may want to refer to or touch upon. I know we face many challenges we

only talk about for the time being. Perhaps it is time to put in writing a few things in an attempt to promote STEM related disciplines and make them more attractive to students.

I welcome proposals for such a special issue, and I encourage you to consider it. I know for a fact that it will be widely appreciated.

In the meantime, I wish you a fruitful and adventurous academic year with new challenges and many successes.

Enjoy the issue.

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