From the Editor-in-Chief

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Dear Colleagues,

The new academic year has already started, or it will shortly start. New plans are developed, new expectations and goals are set. This is the ‘destiny’ of the academic, the researcher, the engineer and the scientist, and also the student. I cannot speak for everybody, but judging from what we do in our group, we do set academic year long requirements and expectations and also set milestones to be achieved—and maybe ‘once in a blue moon’ we go out for a beer. This is not a complaint, this is a fact of life, and perhaps we like it since we repeat it. . . .every year. Regardless, we do find time to enjoy and relax!

This issue is ‘bigger’ than previous double issues containing more papers. This is because we want to clear the queue of accepted papers and publish as many as possible in 2014. We also have about 130

papers under review; this is a typical number and it is the number after I, first, read the submitted papers deciding which ones will be ‘reject without review’.

The 2014 fall is the time during which we start looking at updating and enhancing the Editorial Board. We do plan to add more members with complementary expertise, aiming at reducing further the review cycle. Your recommendations are welcome.

We always aim higher and at improving JINT, so your opinion and feedback is always welcome.

Enjoy the issue.

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