From the Editor-in-Chief

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Dear Colleagues,

It is, again, a pleasure to report on the status of JINT: We are receiving more papers than before, better quality, from more countries over the globe. What is even more encouraging is that we now receive contributions from countries that were considered not so technologically advanced a few years ago! This is a good sign and, perhaps, a reward for what JINT is trying to accomplish. This increase and diversification in contributions must be coupled with the objective to publish the best quality papers following a thorough review process. I believe we are doing that.

One important issue I would like to bring to your attention is the issue of 'plagiarism', regardless of how one defines plagiarism or how narrow or broad the definition might be. This is brought to the table to protect the contributing authors, first! There is

software available that authors can use to identify either overlap with their prior publications or with other publications in general. Much trouble is avoided when this is done a-priori, before submitting a contribution. We all know that this has become common practice even when conference papers are submitted.

In any case, JINT is healthy and we are looking forward to better days ahead.

Enjoy the issue.

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