From the Editor-in-Chief

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Dear Colleagues,

To begin with, I wish you a Happy New Year with health, happiness and prosperity. I wish and hope that all your wishes and dreams become reality. I also offer my warmest wishes to the four “Charlie’s Angels” from Springer we work with (Nathalie, Anneke, Marie-Veth and Irish) and we will continue working with this year and in the years to come. I thank all authors and reviewers who invest time in submitting papers and reviewing papers. Last, but not least, I do want to thank wholeheartedly all the members of the JINT Editorial Board including those who completed their cycle and those new members who joined on January 1 – welcome aboard new members.

As you see, the Editorial Board not only has new blood, but it has been rearranged a bit to reflect and meet current needs and requirements of our journal. The objective, as always, is to publish the best quality peer reviewed papers. Along these lines, effective with this first issue of 2015, papers are classified as full papers, short papers, survey papers, UAV section regular or short papers and special issue papers. The issue

at hand includes: special issue papers, a survey paper and two UAV section full papers – this pattern will continue in future issues, too.

We will keep on working harder to improve JINT even more. We do not want to play the ‘numbers game’, but we are pleased to report that the absolute number of the JINT cited papers increases every year, and in 2013 was higher than ever before. Statistically, the acceptance rate of contributed papers (not special issue papers) is about 20 %, and this rate reaches 30 % when all types of papers are considered. Regardless, the review process remains very detailed and thorough.

Members of the Editorial Board and I are putting emphasis on survey papers, and we are conducting potential authors to submit such papers. The review of this type of papers will be even more detailed and thorough, involving more than one Editor and more reviewers.

We welcome your input, thoughts and ideas about JINT. We encourage you to submit your work and we would like to see you being involved in JINT affairs.

Enjoy the issue.

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