EDITORIAL

From the Editor-in-Chief

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Dear Colleagues:

I wish you wholeheartedly a very Happy New Year with health, happiness and prosperity; may all your wishes and dreams become reality. On behalf of Springer, I also offer a very warm welcome to the new members of the Editorial Board. As you see, the Editorial Board has been enhanced and modified, with some previous members now being utilized in a different capacity – thank you all for your contributions over the years.

The 2016 year is a very crucial year for JINT; the dual goal and objective has now become ‘sustainability’ and ‘continuous JINT improvement’. I state this because the JINT impact factor (IF) was considerably higher this last year compared to previous years. Although there are different schools of thought about the validity and importance of the IF, it still is one ‘indication’ of how a specific publication is perceived (I am choosing carefully the words). If we want to be ‘competitive’ and a ‘top ranked’ publication, we need to do even better – I devote considerable time trying to optimize all aspects related to JINT, but this is not a ‘one man show’, we all need to contribute and I expect your help.

We plan on publishing several Special Issues this year. The issue at hand is proof of this; it is composed of Special Issue original papers, which have gone through the same thorough review cycle. We also plan on encouraging submission/publication of Survey Papers; they are important to our readership and offer valuable and complete information on the subject of the study.

I am looking forward to your feedback and comments. I am thankful to all of you for your collaboration and support over the years and I am looking forward to another solid year for JINT.

Enjoy the issue.

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