From the Editor-in-Chief

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Dear Colleagues:

This double issue completes Volume 90, and brings us half-way in 2018. We certainly hope that you like, and hopefully prefer, the new JINT look. It is ‘modern’ and dynamic as each issue has a state-of-the-art cover photo that is included in one of the published in the issue papers. Moreover, you may have noticed that the JINT Aims and Scope have been modified to include the most recent advances in robotics, automation and unmanned systems. JINT is perhaps one of the 2–3 publications, if not the only one, worldwide, which uses the word ‘intelligent’. We want to capitalize on this unique feature, and be at the forefront of presenting research findings on intelligent and autonomous systems. In addition, as autonomy is of at most importance when building high-confidence systems, we also hope that our journal becomes the forum to publish original contributions on this very challenging topic.

We encourage you to submit your work to JINT. We will go the extra mile to guarantee you receive in time valuable and just feedback. As always, we try to optimize the paper review cycle and publish papers within 7–8 months from initial submission.

Last, but not least, the issue at hand consists of 11 contributed papers and 9 unmanned system papers. It is very informative as it covers a very diverse set of topics.

Enjoy it!

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