

## From the Editor-in-Chief

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Dear Colleagues,

The first two issues of the last 2009 Volume, Volume 56, are a special issue on Unmanned Autonomous Vehicles. The tremendous growth in this area, available technologies, and wide spectrum of civilian, public and military applications has set new challenges in research and development, worldwide. As such, it is important that dedicated issues on unmanned systems are published, reporting state-of-the-art activities in this area.

This double issue serves this purpose. The Guest Editors have done an excellent job in soliciting invited papers, coordinating paper reviews and revisions, and choosing along with the EIC the best papers. As always, the Springer team assisted us in the best possible way, making sure that there are no delays in publication. Details about this issue are found in the Guest Editorial.

Enjoy, and do not forget to submit a paper.



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