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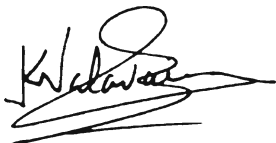
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Dear Colleagues,

The Fall Semester/Fall Quarter of 2009 have already started. Time flies indeed. We are scheduling publication of the last 2009 JINT issues, but at the same time we are looking into the future. Running a journal is challenging, we all know that. It is not just about publishing the best papers; it also relates to offering service to our readers and audience at large. Further, in this demanding Society, it is also about 'timing' of publications.

I will be the first to admit that regardless of our efforts to provide a short review cycle, some papers are falling through the cracks of the system! They have been under review for a long time, perhaps as long as close to a year. I take full responsibility for this event. We have looked at the list of such papers, it is not long, and we are accelerating the process to provide a final decision. We do hope that this will not be a recurrent issue in the future.

On the other hand, expect some exciting initiatives to be announced shortly!
For now, enjoy the issue.



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