From the Editor-in-Chief

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Dear Colleagues,

The new academic year has already started or it is about to start for some of us on a Quarter system. This is a very demanding time period for all of us: teaching, research, proposals and conferences, to name just a few of our daily activities.

Regardless, this may also be a very productive period, since we all do "massive parallel processing" in order to meet all deadlines.

We face exactly the same pressure in the Journal. We try to finalize as many pending reviews as possible, provide final decisions to authors and, as I say, 'clean the paper queue'.

However, I want to take this opportunity to 'bother' you once more about *special issues*: They are important. They present state-of-the-art in a research area/topic. They are informative and they serve as a reference point for future research. Thus, I urge you to consider organizing special issue in the area of your interest.

This is the last issue of Volume 59, thus, it is a double issue, so take your time and enjoy it.

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