

From the Editor-in-Chief

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Dear Colleagues

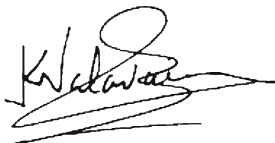
Another Academic Year has started or it is very close to start. I hope all of you had a nice break, and that you devoted some time to yourselves, you had a nice vacation or whatever you wished for. (I know, this is easier said than done!) As we enter the Fall Semester/Quarter, we will make every effort to wrap things up and finalize paper reviews as fast as possible without sacrificing quality.

It is true that we are receiving large numbers of contributed papers (this is not an excuse for any delays we may encounter), but under no circumstances we play with quality. All members of the Editorial Board are tasked to look at assigned papers and decide whether they will be reviewed or 'rejected without review'.

It is this last statement that I would like to elaborate on, in good faith: Everybody's time is valuable, and we are all overwhelmed. Thus, if an Editor feels strongly about a poorly written paper with no contributions, she/he may exercise editorial privilege to recommend rejection without review. This is not a pleasant decision, I assure you. This is the most difficult decision, but it also has a positive. Authors know almost immediately what is needed for their paper to be reviewed and they have the choice of resubmitting as a new paper.

We do not play the 'percentage game'; we do not look at rejection/acceptance ratios! We just want to publish the best papers.

Enjoy the issue.



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