

From the Editor-in-Chief

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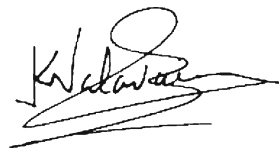
Dear Colleagues,

We are in the middle of 2012, and the academic year is over or very close to being over. For most of us, if not all of us, this is the time of the year during which we catch up with our projects, research, and planning for next year. I do want to add that this is also the time for a little R&R, but, let us conveniently forget it for the time being. I say this because I want to request the obvious: now is also the time to wrap up completed research and submit a paper to JINT.

Having asked for your contributions, I also want to point out that JINT does not have many 'survey paper' submissions. I realize that this is not top priority for most of us, but such papers are extremely important as they 'summarize' findings in well-established areas. We do encourage such submissions. In fact, we want to 'push' for such submissions. Even from the bibliographical

(references cited) point of view, such papers are of major importance not only to students conducting research but to all of us scientists, engineers, researchers and practitioners. Good, complete, survey papers may serve as the 'reference point' in the specific area of interest they refer to. Thus, I want to use this column as the kick off campaign to promote this idea of survey papers. I count on you to submit, or invite people whom you know, to submit. We will all benefit from such papers.

In the meantime, enjoy the issue.



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