

## From the Editor-in-Chief

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Dear Colleagues,

I hope the summer (winter in the southern hemisphere) is progressing well and that plans are already in the way for the fast approaching academic year.

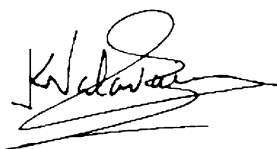
At the expense of repeating myself, I would like to report on the status of JINT. We are experiencing steady growth, and we are constantly exceeding our annual page quota. This is good news on one hand, but it also requires ‘rethinking’ and ‘preplanning for the future’. Ms. Nathalie Jacobs, our Springer Editor, and I, do plan to look at all data and make the necessary adjustments to page limits. This does not affect authors or the review process. It is a logistical issue that we need to resolve.

From the previous statement you must have guessed that we are receiving record number of submissions (contributed papers). This, coupled with

Special Issue papers makes ‘timing’ and ‘timely decision making’ extremely important. We do commit to trying even harder to reduce the review cycle. We are aware of ‘glitches’ and that on occasion it takes much longer time to make a decision—this is an on-going battle. However, in general, the review cycle is within realistic limits.

We always aim higher and at improving JINT, so your opinion and feedback is always welcome.

Enjoy the issue.



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