EDITORIAL

CrossMark

From the Editor-in-Chief

Kimon P. Valavanis[1]

Dear Colleagues, readers and friends:

In this issue I would like to revisit the accepted papers scheduling challenge. We do recognize that it is very important to reduce the time between final acceptance and actual publication of accepted papers in a specific issue. It is for this reason that the rest of the 2019 issues will be 'thicker', that is, we have arranged to publish more accepted papers per issue – this is the least we can do for you, the authors. We also investigate other options that will allow for us to optimize even more this process. We review historical paper submission data to make informed decisions. In addition, I, personally, study the reviewer database to improve it; that is, find out about 'inactive' reviewers and follow up with them before a final decision is made to remove them completely from the Editorial Manager.

Again, we owe this to all of you. Your submitted papers must be given the proper review process within the time frame we advertise. Rest assure that the Springer and JINT teams are aware of the challenges we face, and we work to provide solutions.

In the meantime, enjoy the issue.

Kimon P. Valavanis
Editor-in-Chief

Publisher's Note Springer Nature remains neutral with regard to jurisdictional claims in published maps and institutional affiliations.

✉ Kimon P. Valavanis
Kimon.Valavanis@du.edu

1   D. F. Ritchie School of Engineering and Computer Science, University of Denver, Denver, CO, 80208, USA