From the Editor-in-Chief

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Dear Colleagues, readers and friends:

In this issue, I would like to report on paper review challenges. I understand why some authors raise concerns about review delays – believe me, I am very sympathetic, I am an author myself. I understand that all of us want a decision yesterday! However, I do want to make a point, at least judging from my experience: I get very frustrated when reviews are not detailed and technically justified – period. Having said that, I repeat, once more, that handling Editors make every effort to secure detailed paper reviews, and sometimes, after reviews are received, seek more reviews for the same paper – this is a typical case when reviews are ‘controversial’. I know for a fact that all Editors go through all paper review comments before they recommend a decision to the Editor-in-Chief.

We do try to update our database of reviewers – this is a continuous process. Handling Editors may also add their reviewers. We do aim to reduce the time it takes to reach a decision. We have made progress, but we can do better. I promise you we will continue pushing.

Enjoy the issue.

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