From the Editor-in-Chief

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Dear Colleagues:

It is with pride and honor to report to you that the issue at hand is a milestone issue. It is composed of only unmanned systems contributed papers! It includes 12 regular papers and 3 short papers.

As you already know, we decided a few years ago to add a special section in each issue with a focus on unmanned systems. This has turned out to be a wise decision. As the years have gone by, we see more submitted papers in this area, and we have achieved, for the first time, the above milestone. We hope that we will continue this path – we do not enforce anything, though. As we have said so many times, we want to publish the best original papers, there are no preferred topics.

We hope you enjoy this double issue and we look forward to receiving and handling your papers.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Valavanis", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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