From the Editor-in-Chief

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Dear Colleagues:

We march ahead optimizing the paper review process and reducing the total time from first submission to actual publication. We are not where we want to be, but we have made progress. We ‘push’ the handling Editors and the reviewers, however, we also give them the benefit of the doubt. We realize that everybody is overworked and that JINT is not their only priority. We are confident we have made our case as all of us, being authors ourselves, understand the importance of a timely review.

I would also like to touch upon a, somehow, controversial issue (as this issue may create some level of discomfort) related to Editor in Chief’s decisions when sufficient reviews for a paper have been submitted: On occasion, I make decisions when such reviews have been received and they do make

the case for an informed decision. I always copy the handling Editor, though. The main objective of this action is to inform the authors as soon as possible, NOT to bypass the hierarchy.

In short, we do our best to serve you. If this is not enough, we will try harder. JINT is you and you deserve all the attention.

Enjoy the issue.

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