From the Editor-in-Chief

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Dear Colleagues,

The issue at hand marks the completion of the first quarter of 2021. It is the third issue of our Continuous Article Publishing (CAP) JINT. Papers are published as they are accepted, no delays. It is for this reason that issues will vary in ‘thickness’, depending on the number of accepted papers per month – each issue ‘closes’ at the beginning of each month.

We continue the quest to optimize the paper review cycle, with the objective to keep the queue of under review contributed papers to about 100 (in the Editorial Manager). Moreover, special issues (SIs) are more formalized now; proposals will follow a template that will be part of the submission process, and proposals will be evaluated thoroughly before final acceptance. As previously discussed, SIs will appear as ‘topical collections’ of papers.

Last, but not least, we had a very successful Editorial Board meeting (virtual) coordinated by Ms. Nathalie Jacobs, during which several key points were discussed and ways to further improve JINT. One challenging task is to optimize and streamline the Editorial Manager database of reviewers, keeping only the active ones, and allowing for handling editors to

‘create’ their own component of reviewers. This is a major restructure that will take some time to complete, but the result will benefit JINT.

In the meantime, we are here to help. Do not forget to submit your paper to JINT, encourage your colleagues to do the same, advertise our journal to the technical societies.

Enjoy the issue.

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