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Dear Colleagues:

We approach the end of the first quarter, time flies, and we already have processed more than 200 submitted (contributed and invited) papers during the January – February time frame. This is again a healthy ‘sign’ concerning the JINT status. We all try hard to assign as fast as possible submitted papers to handling editors. The objective is always to reduce the submission to first decision interval without sacrificing quality.

However, you, the authors, are also part of this process. You may help us by stating clearly in the Introduction section of your paper: i.) what is novel, original, and unique; ii.) what are the distinct features and/or characteristics of your approach, technique, algorithm or methodology; iii.) how does your approach compare to similar work, its advantages, disadvantages, limitations; and, iv.) contributions of your work. This information makes the review more accurate, and more just. Therefore, we certainly recommend that you consider this idea.

As always, I reiterate that from my side of the road I will work harder to assist you in publishing your peer reviewed work.

We welcome your feedback and comments, recommendations, and suggestions.

Enjoy the issue.

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