EDITORIAL

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Dear Colleagues:

I start the Editorial by stating, once more, that we receive record numbers of submissions. This pattern started in January, and it has been remarkably 'consistent' thus far. The result is that we receive more than 100 papers per month. Note that the quality of the submitted papers (through a first screening) is much better.

However, the focus of this Editorial is different. I want to repeat once more some 'guidelines' concerning submitted papers:

- Overlap with previously published work should be about 20%, with clear statements of novelty, unique features, and contributions.
- Differences with previously published work must be clearly stated.
- There must be an Acknowledgement and pertinent references to previously published similar work by the authors.
- If similar reports or pre-prints have been uploaded on 'some server', thus resulting in major overlap when running iThenticate, this should be clarified in a cover letter to avoid automatic rejection without review.

I am not trying to complicate the paper review process; on the contrary, I try to facilitate it and expedite it, and, therefore, I ask for your attention and consideration. We live in challenging times; we want to make sure we provide the proper service to you, the authors, and our readership.

In the meantime, we urge you to spread the word about JINT, encourage your colleagues to submit a paper, and be more engaged. We welcome your feedback and comments, recommendations, and suggestions.

Enjoy the issue.

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