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Dear Colleagues:

The issue at hand marks the end of 2022, a year that flew by so fast. Well, there is nothing we can do about it except reflect and plan for 2023.

When it comes to JINT we have a lot to talk about. I will only refer to two milestones we have reached: i.) The reported 2021 impact factor (IF) is 3.129 and the 5-year IF is 3.071; ii.) 2022 marks the year we received the most submissions since JINT was launched. I will provide the exact number in the next issue once all submitted papers up to December 31 have been registered in the system. The Springer team and I are confident that we will continue this path, and that we can do much better in the years ahead. We need to capitalize on our strengths and minimize our ‘mistakes’ (and my mistakes as EIC). Improving JINT is an ongoing process; there are many reputable journals, thus, we need to make sure we publish the best quality papers within a reasonable timeframe, we provide accurate and to the point reviews, and we serve our authors and readers as best as possible.

It is true that many people work hard and contribute to the publication of this journal. The Springer team of four ladies (Nathalie Jacobs, Anneke Pot, Marie Veth Chua, and

Karen Mae Fua), the members of the Editorial Board and all reviewers are the reason why JINT has reached this level. I offer to all of you my gratitude and my million thanks. I promise I will work harder in 2023 with the aim to improve our journal even more.

December is a holiday month. I wholeheartedly wish to all of you, your families and loved ones Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas, and a prosperous New Year with peace all over the world. Take some time off, relax and enjoy life with your loved ones, you deserve it.

We will connect again next year!
Enjoy this last issue of 2022.

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