



JIRS Editorial, October 2023

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Dear Colleagues:

As we approach the last quarter of 2023 and with the new Editorial Manager submission system already in place, www.editorialmanager.com/jirs/, I would like to share with you some metrics about how our journal performs. I do know that there may be a level of skepticism when it comes to any such metrics; however, since they are common for all journals, they do serve as performance indices.

As such, according to Springer Nature, for the Journal of Intelligent and Robotic Systems, the citation impact and usage metrics *based on 2022 data are as follows*:

Citescore: 6.8
Total Annual Citations: 6356
Total Annual Downloads: 222007
Two-Year Impact Factor: 3.3
Five-Year Impact Factor: 3.4

In addition, the cumulative / combined submission metrics for the first half of 2023, January 1 – June 30, 2023, are as follows:

Total manuscripts received: 822
Manuscripts sent for review: 225
Manuscripts accepted for publication: 111

Acceptance rate: 0.15

Median time to first decision: 5 days

Median submission to accept: 211 days

Both sets of metrics point to the obvious: JINT (new abbreviation JIRS) is on the right path. We will continue our efforts to improve further and serve you better. We also will start the new year with a fresh Editorial Board that, hopefully, will give us the extra ‘push’ to reduce the paper review cycle. As always, we will keep you in the loop.

In the meantime, enjoy the issue.

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