



## From the Editor-in-Chief

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Dear Colleagues, readers and friends:

It looks like 2019 flew faster than usual. Well, so be it, there is nothing we can do about time ( ..... at least for the ...time being). Let me be the first to wish you Merry Christmas and a happy New Year with health, happiness and prosperity. Let us wish for true world piece and may our differences lay the foundation for understanding, respect and better behavior.

I want to thank all of you, authors, reviewers, members of the Editorial Board, and readers for your loyalty and support over the years. I thank wholeheartedly the Springer team (Nathalie, Anneke, Marie Veth, Jill and Dina) for making JINT what it is and has become; most important of all, for 'keeping up with me' all these years – Ladies it is a true pleasure working with you and I promise I will do my best to excel, we will have a better 2020 year.

On a JINT note, we promise more detailed and faster paper reviews and a shorter cycle from first submission to publication. We owe this to you, our authors.

We have managed to reduce tremendously the backlog of papers, being able to publish most of already accepted papers within 9-12 months from acceptance; this time frame will be reduced in the very near future.

Last, but not least, we will enhance the Editorial Board next month, we will publish the new member names.

In the meantime, enjoy the issue and your holidays.



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