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Did you attend WCCI 2018 in Rio? I enjoyed a number of interesting presentations. Being one of the older researchers in my research field, it was a pleasure to attend the wonderful presentations by the young researchers which really motivated me to continue to do my research. This also inspired me to examine my research field more openly from a different point of view. During the conference, I attended two networking activities: the “Meet the VPs and EiCs” at the CIS booth, and the students and young professionals reception. It is always great to talk with young researchers as well as my old friends. I also enjoyed four long flights during my travel from Hong Kong to Rio and then to Osaka. The longest one was a 15-hour flight from Hong Kong to Chicago. I purchased the full-flight Internet access. I am not sure why but I could not connect to the Internet during the last seven hours which did help me to concentrate on my work instead. It surprised me that I did more work on the flight than a regular working day.

In 2019, CIS-sponsored major conferences are held in the beautiful cities of New Orleans (FUZZ-IEEE), Wellington (CEC) and Xiamen (SSCI). IJCNN 2019 is organized by the International Neural Network Society in Budapest. I have a lot of good memories in these cities. One of my fondest memories is about New Orleans. During CEC 2011, I had dinner at a restaurant with some friends from Japan. We ordered a wide variety of food to share. As you may know, New Orleans is famous for food and the food at the restaurant was fabulous. However, when we finished the dinner, I was surprised that the bill was much higher than expected which included some expensive dishes we did not order. After talking with the manager, I learned that those dishes were ordered by the other guests at the next table but served to our table. We had eaten those servings as well without knowing that. Fortunately, we did not have to pay for those dishes.

The feature topic of the current CIM issue is “Computational Intelligence in Finance and Economics”. Finance and economics are popular application fields of Computational Intelligence. When I edited a similar special issue for the IEEE Transactions on Fuzzy Systems last year together with some other guest editors, we received 72 submissions. The current CIM special issue received 21 submissions. As shown by these numbers, computational intelligence techniques have been widely used in finance and economics.

Next year is my last year as the Editor-in-Chief. The following hot topics are scheduled as special issues: Affective Computing and Sentiment Analysis (May), Deep Reinforcement Learning and Games (August), and the Internet of Things in the Big Data Era (November). They have already received and will continue to receive a lot of attention. For example, the May 2019 special issue has received 57 submissions. The memorial issue for Prof. Zadeh is scheduled for February 2019. The IEEE CIM will continue to publish interesting articles for you to enjoy.

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