

EDITORIAL

BROADENING THE SCOPE OF IJCSS

The International Journal on Computers, Systems, and Signals (<http://research.i2r.a-star.edu.sg/iaamsad/ijcss/>) is now in its fourth year of publication. Since August 2003 it has a new co-editor in chief, Dr Don Petkov, Eastern Connecticut State University, USA. We are very grateful to the previous co-editor in chief, Dr Andries Engelbrecht, University of Pretoria, South Africa, who will continue his association with the journal as an associate editor, for his hard work in establishing the high standards of the journal.

With this issue we announce a broader scope of the journal as it will focus on all aspects of research in computers, signals and systems, including soft and hard systems methodologies, Management Information Systems, Bioinformatics in addition to the topics that were previously reflected in the contents of the issues of the journal. The number of papers may vary from issue to issue depending on the amount of acceptable papers meeting the criteria of the review process.

All papers are double blind refereed (the authors do not know the names of the referees and the referees do not know the names of the authors). Please see on the journal page the instructions for submission which will help you to produce your paper in a format that is acceptable for the refereeing process of the journal. We continue to seek papers representing both completed research as well as interesting ideas on research in progress. As is usual, the authors of the published papers are responsible for the content of their papers in spite of the fact that the editors will continue through the refereeing process to strive for high quality of the journal. In case a paper has raised questions of some nature, we are willing to publish feedback by our readers as well.

A new feature starting with this issue is that sometimes there will be dedicated issues on specific topics like:

- *Soft Systems Approaches To Information And Communication Technology Problems*
- *Management Information Systems – papers from the Doctoral symposium of the ISOneWorld Conference in Las Vegas, 13th April 2004*
- *Multi-Objective Evolution: Theory and Applications.*

We are grateful to the reviewers for their valuable contribution and selfless support (a list of reviewers is presented in a separate section of the web site of the journal). Their work helps make the quality of the journal better. Currently the acceptance rate of this journal is around 50%. It compares along this line to the majority of the journals in the field of computers, systems and signals though it will be our goal to continue to improve the standard of the journal which may lead to lowering of the acceptance rate if necessary. We would like to point that some of the questions of the reviewers might be avoided by the authors if they follow better the guidelines for preparation of the manuscripts for review. It is essential that the authors provide in the introduction of the paper a clear formulation of their contribution to the body of knowledge in the area of the paper before it is considered for review by the co-editors or the guest editors. Please provide your manuscripts for review without the names of the authors. However those and the name of the corresponding author should be included in the email to the editor.

If you have any ideas for special issues or other aspects of the journal, please send an email to any of us.

Sincerely,

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