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Editorial

Dear Reader,

On 1 October 2017, we published the first issue of the AETiC Journal. At the time, many of the technologies that dominate today's discussion were emerging, experimental, or simply unimaginable. Yet nearly a decade later, the years seem to have passed in an instant. Time moves slowly when we are developing, testing, and refining new technologies, but looking back, the scale of change is astonishing.

AETiC has chronicled this journey. Its pages have reflected both the excitement and the challenges of technological progress. With each issue, new ideas have entered the conversation, showing that technology is never static. Every breakthrough creates fresh opportunities, but also new questions about implementation, ethics, sustainability, and impact.

Looking back through previous issues reveals more than a collection of articles. It reveals a community of researchers, practitioners, and innovators seeking to understand and shape technological change. The journal's success has depended on the contributions of authors, reviewers, editors, and readers who share a commitment to exploring what technology can achieve and how to use it responsibly.

Yet anniversaries are not merely occasions for reflection. They are reminders that the future is arriving faster than ever. Technologies that seem transformative today may soon become commonplace, replaced by innovations still on the horizon. The challenge is not simply to keep pace with change, but to anticipate it, question it, and guide it for society's benefit.

The phrase "*time is slowly rushing by*" captures this paradox perfectly. Technological progress is built through countless small advances, accumulated over years of effort and collaboration. Yet together they create periods of change that, in retrospect, appear breathtakingly rapid. As AETiC looks to the future, there is much to celebrate, but even more to explore. The next decade is already taking shape, and the technologies that define it may be closer than we think.

With best wishes,

Professor Andrew Ware,
On behalf of the Editorial Board,
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