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Editorial

Dear Reader,

This issue has nine articles, five of which are extended versions of papers presented at the very successful iCCECE and iCETiC conferences. In the lead up to those gatherings, I confess to feeling more than a bit of trepidation as excellent academic occasions and networking opportunities moved from in-person to online events. My worries were, in hindsight, misplaced. Dr. Mahdi H. Miraz, the organising teams, authors, reviewers, and participants, helped ensure two first-class conferences.

The pandemic's length, which is far longer than I first imagined, has made some of the necessitated changes in how we work and interact, fixed features going forward. Moreover, the move to more online activity and remote working has had the positive impact of creating an environment that, in many ways, is more conducive to collaborative working. For example, over the last few months, I have been working collaboratively with a researcher based in China who I met for the first time online at iCCECE.

I am thankful that with the rapid progress in vaccinations against the Covid-19 virus that there are some signs that life will move to a new normal soon. Grateful, too, for the things learned during the pandemic and the new collaborations established.

With best wishes,

Professor Andrew Ware,
On behalf of the Editorial Board,
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