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Editorial

Dear Reader,

As we begin 2022, I find it hard to believe that it is now nearly two years since the pandemic's start. A period that has changed the way we live, work, and play, probably forever. One of the biggest things I have missed due to Covid is travelling to visit conferences and colleagues. Opportunities that facilitated meeting new people and revitalising old friendships. The chance to revisit old haunts and to discover new ones. Journeys where you were never quite sure who you would meet or where you might end up. A glorious way to spend one's working life. As J.R.R. Tolkien wrote, "Not all those who wander are lost."

While the freedom of travel has been much curtailed, this edition brings us insight and learning from a wide range of nations. Academics and practitioners from Oman, India, Malaysia, Bangladesh, Iraq, Hungary, and Albania have benefited us by sharing the outcomes of their endeavours. Nonetheless, as much as I have enjoyed reading the papers, I have a longing to hit the road once more and see new places, learn new things, and discuss ideas.

Whether we stay at home or travel the globe, I trust that 2022 will be a year where we each journey and venture into something new. That as we continue to live with the impact of Covid, continually learning from the experience, that we take steps towards a brighter future, reminded of the words of Lao Tzu, the Chinese philosopher, "A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step." Moreover, in terms of our academic endeavours, we take Ralph Waldo Emerson's advice "Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."

I trust that in 2022, the journeys we make lead us to discover things that ignite our passion and benefit others.

Professor Andrew Ware,
On behalf of the Editorial Board,
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