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EDITORIAL PREFACE

IJCINI Vol. 8, No. 3 is a regular issue on cognitive Informatics, abstract intelligence, neural informatics, and cognitive computing. This issue encompasses four research papers on: a) An Energy Computing Method Inspired from Visual Cognitive Function for Dynamic Behavioural Detection in Video Frames; b) Covert Visual Search: Revisiting the Guided Search; c) Big Data Analytics on the Characteristic Equilibrium of Collective Opinions in Social Networks; d) A Chaotic Complexity Measure for Cognitive Machine Classification of Cyber-attacks on Computer Networks; e) A Formal Model for Metacognitive Reasoning in Intelligent Systems.

The Editor-in-Chief would like to report that the 2014 IEEE 13th International Conference on Cognitive Informatics and Cognitive Computing (ICCI\*CC'14) has been held in London, UK during August 18-20, 2014. Over the last decade, CI and CC have been established as an exciting research field, which has already created and attracted millions of entries over the Internet and related research communities. The 2015 IEEE 14th International Conference on Cognitive Informatics and Cognitive Computing (ICCI\*CC'15) will be held at Tsinghua University, Beijing, China in July 6-8, 2015. The theme of ICCI\*CC'15 will be on "Cognitive Computing and Cognitive Communications." The ICCI\*CC series is fully sponsored by the IEEE Computer Society, IEEE Computational Intelligence Society, and ICIC (http://www.ucalgary.ca/icic/).

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The Editor-in-Chief would expect that readers of the International Journal of Cognitive Informatics and Natural Intelligence (IJCINI) will benefit from the papers presented in this issue in order to aware the recent advances in this field. The EIC would like to thank the authors, members of the board of editors, and invited reviewers for their great contributions to this issue. The EIC would like to acknowledge the publisher of IJSSCI, Ideal Group Global (IGI) Publishing, USA, and the editorial staff for their excellent professional support.

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