Special Issue on Advances in QoS Support in

Communication Networks

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This is a special issue on "Advances in QoS Support in Communication Networks" guest edited by Dr. Tarek Bejaoui of the University of Carthage, Tunisia. Quality of Service (QoS) support in today's network is complex due to various types of content and applications, high mobility of the wireless devices, adhoc nature

of networks especially in the case of vehicular networks, and numerous security features that are implemented. This issue addresses the research challenges in this area.

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We hope that you enjoy this issue as much as you have done the previous issues of IJBDCN.

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