

EDITORIAL PREFACE

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IJSSCI Vol. 4, No. 4 is a regular issue on cognitive computing, software science, and computational intelligence. This issue includes five research papers on: 1) *A General Knowledge Representation Model for the Acquisition of Skills and Concepts*; 2) *ISW: Interest-based Small World Network of P2P*; 3) *A FIG-based Method for Prediction of Alumina Concentration*; 4) *A Performance Prediction Method with an Equation-Based Behavioral Model for a Single-Bit Single-Loop Sigma-Delta Modulator*; and 5) *Formal Rules for Fuzzy Causal Analyses and Fuzzy Inferences*.

It is noteworthy that CI and CC have been established as an exciting research field over the last decade, which has already created and attracted millions of entries over the Internet and related research communities. The Editor-in-Chief would like to take this opportunity to report that the *International Institute of Cognitive Informatics and Cognitive Computing* (ICIC) is formally established (<http://www.ucalgary.ca/icic/>), which is hosted at University of Calgary, Canada with Prof. Yingxu Wang as the founding president. Key member organizations include Brown University, University of California (Berkeley), University of Calgary, Fudan University, Kyoto University, MIT, University of Rome, Stanford University, University of

Toronto, Tsinghua University, and University of Vienna. The 11th *IEEE International Conference on Cognitive Informatics and Cognitive Computing* (ICCI*CC'12) has been successfully organized in Kyoto, Japan during August 22-24, 2012. The 12th *IEEE International Conference on Cognitive Informatics and Cognitive Computing* (ICCI*CC'13) will be held in New York City, USA during July 16-18, 2013. The theme of ICCI*CC'13 will be on "*Cognitive Computers and Knowledge Processors*". The ICCI*CC series is fully sponsored by the IEEE Computer Society, IEEE Computational Intelligence Society, and ICIC.

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The Editor-in-Chief expects that readers of *The International Journal of Software Science and Computational Intelligence* (IJSSCI) will

benefit from the papers presented in this issue in order to aware the recent advances in this field. I would like to thank the authors, members of the board of editors, and invited reviewers for their great contributions to this issue. I would like to acknowledge the publisher of IJSSCI, IGI Global, USA, and to thank *Mehdi Khosrow-*

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