EDITORIAL PREFACE

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The Editor-in-Chief would like to take this opportunity to report that the *International Institute of Cognitive Informatics and Cognitive Computing* (ICIC) has 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 *2013 IEEE International Conference on Cognitive Informatics and Cognitive Computing* (ICCI*CC'12) will be held in New York City, USA during July 16-18, 2013. 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 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 IJCINI, Idea Group Inc. Global (IGI) Publishing, USA,

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