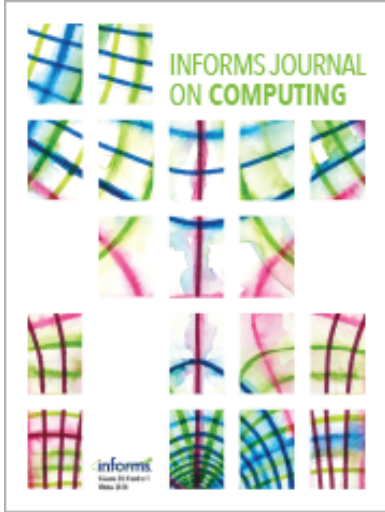




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From the Editor

The *JOC* Advisory Board has been an institution for a long time, with distinguished membership of senior figures in our field providing strategic advice on a variety of topics. We've been very proud to have numbered among that group Marcel Neuts, who has stayed on well past his retirement as a valued service to *JOC*. Marcel has decided to step down in order to devote himself more fully to his research, and so I take this opportunity to thank him sincerely for his many years of fine service to *JOC* in this role.

I'd also like to thank Dick Barr at this time, who has stepped down after many years of area editorship of the High-Performance Computation Area.

And a longtime associate editor for *JOC*, Giorgio Gallo of the University of Pisa, has decided to step down to pursue some new and demanding responsibilities. I thank Giorgio sincerely for his fine service and many contributions. And I'd like to welcome Kweku-Muata Osei-Bryson of Virginia Commonwealth University as a new associate editor providing support in multicriteria decision analysis, primarily to our Area on Modeling: Methods & Analysis. I also welcome Debabrata Dey of the University of Washington and Paulo Goes of the University of Connecticut as new associate editors in the Electronic Commerce Area.

The next issue of *JOC* (Spring 2003) will be a Special Issue on Mining Web-Based Data for e-Business Applications. The guest co-editors are Louiqa Raschid and Alex Tuzhilin for this contemporary subject. This Special Issue was prepared under the auspices of our Area on Knowledge and Data Management, for which Amit Basu serves as Area Editor.

Finally, I'm pleased to announce that we're bringing back founding Editor-in-Chief Harvey Greenberg to guest-edit a Special Issue on Operations Research and Computational Biology, an exciting and timely topic in which Harvey has been involved for several years. Please see the Call for Papers, linked prominently from the home page of our website; the submission deadline is August 1, 2003.

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