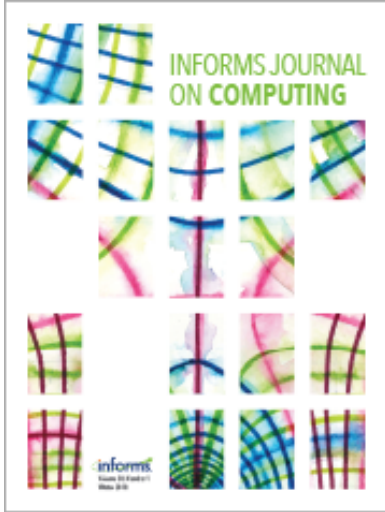




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From the Editor

Starting with the very first issue of *JOC* in early 1989, almost 15 years ago, and continuing in every single issue up until this one, Jan Karel Lenstra's name has appeared on the masthead as Area Editor for Design and Analysis of Algorithms. This has to be some kind of record. Recently Jan Karel decided to step down from this *JOC* Area Editorship, as he is taking over as the new General Director of the Centre for Mathematics and Computer Science (CWI) in Amsterdam, a position that will make very significant administrative demands on his time. His Area has traditionally been, and continues to be, one of our largest and most active (and with excellent response and turnaround times, thanks to Jan Karel's tireless work). I know that you all join me in wishing Jan Karel well as he returns to CWI and letting him know that we'll miss him at *JOC*. But he's not getting away from *JOC* entirely—I've asked him, and he's agreed, to join our Advisory Board. And the Area will continue to be in excellent hands, as one of its Associate Editors, Bill Cook of Georgia Tech, has agreed to take over as Area Editor, so please join me in welcoming Bill aboard at this time. I'm also pleased that Jeff Linderth of Lehigh University has agreed to become an Associate Editor, working primarily in this Area.

I'd also like to call your attention to several special initiatives we have in the works. Harvey Greenberg is putting together a Special Issue on Operations Research and Computational Biology, which is well along in production and appears to have generated quite a lot of interest. John Chinneck is developing a Special Issue on Operations Research in Electrical and Computer Engineering, which explores how OR relates to, and is being used in, that large and changing field. And Elaine Chew is composing a Special Cluster on Computation and Music, which promises to be a very interesting and novel look at the OR/CS interface in a field that will likely be new to many *JOC* readers, as it is to me. I invite you to check out all of these initiatives via links from the home page of the *JOC* website.

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