## **Managing Editor's Column**

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Dear Readers,

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In this regular issue, I am very glad to introduce three accepted high quality papers from authors of four different countries.

In a collaborative work between Russia and USA, Marat Faizrahmanov, Iskander Kalimullin, Antonio Montalban and Vadim Puzarenko study the sigma-reducibility and discuss the least  $\Sigma$ -jump inversion theorem for n-families María-Blanca Ibáñez, Soledad Escolar, Ricardo Iskandar, Karen Viera and Carlos Delgado-Kloos report about their research study aiming at exploring the educational usefulness of integrating data captured by wearable biomedical sensors in a simulation learning environment for children. Monika Kapus-Kolar from Slovenia proposes in her work a weaker precondition under which the transformation remains fault-coverage-preserving in the context of optimization of test sets for black-box conformance testing of objects specified and modelled as a finite state machine.

Enjoy Reading!

Cordially,

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