Editorial from the Incoming Editor-in-Chief

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It is an honor to assume the duties of Editor-in-Chief of *ACM Transactions on Software Engineering and Methodology (TOSEM)*. Thanks to the farsighted vision of the founders and the dedication of my predecessors, *TOSEM* is a premier journal for the software engineering research community. On behalf of the entire community, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the former Editors-in-Chief, Rick Adrion, Axel van Lamsweerde, Carlo Ghezzi, David Notkin, and David Rosenblum, for their passionate service that made this possible. I am particularly grateful that David is leaving the journal to me in excellent shape.

The scientific community is undergoing a revolution that is deeply affecting the publication skyline. Acceleration in scientific publication rates and new opportunities to reduce the time to publication and improve the visibility of scientific advances are modifying the editorial landscape, challenging classic archival journals. The top software engineering publication venues are slightly losing ground in the computer science community, and the long-lasting prestige of the top software engineering journals does not completely compensate this phenomenon.

My biggest challenge in the coming years will be to maintain the consistently high standard of scholarship of *TOSEM* while responding to the compelling challenges of the community. I plan to introduce initiatives to attract a larger number of high-quality papers while maintaining the highest-quality standards; reduce the time to publication and, most important, the variance of the publication time, to ensure high quality and quick feedback; and magnify short-term visibility to further widen long-term visibility that the excellent *TOSEM* papers deserve.

Coinciding with my assumption of the editorship of *TOSEM*, Antonio Carzaniga and Mark Harman completed their service as Associate Editors at the end of 2018. I would like to thank Antonio and Mark for six years of invaluable service to the community.

I will announce the first editorial initiatives and the changes in the Editorial Board in the next issue.

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