Editorial

It is with great pleasure that I welcome Damian Andrew Tamburri, Alex Groce, Tao Xie, Burak Turhan, Baishakhi Ray, Zibin Zheng, Eric Bodden, Xin Peng, and Anders Møller as new TOSEM Associate Editors. Damian, Alex, Tao, Burak, Baishakhi, Zibin, Eric, Xin, and Anders will continue the excellent work of Margaret-Anne Storey, who completed her 6-year tenure as Associate Editor in July 2020, and Tim Menzies, who leaves the TOSEM editorial board to start his tenure as editor-in-chief of a different journal of our community. I thank Margaret-Anne and Tim for their invaluable service.

The substantial growth of the TOSEM editorial board, which has almost doubled in the past few years, mirrors the flourishing interest in TOSEM. In 2020, we handled 371 manuscripts and accepted 60 articles for publication, almost doubling the 192 handled and 27 accepted articles in 2018. For the first time ever, the number of journal-first articles (40 accepted of 228 submitted articles) largely exceeded regular articles (20 accepted of 143 submitted articles), with an important role of the continuous special section on AI and SE (10 accepted of 76 submitted articles).

Following the success of the *continuous special section on AI and SE*, we open a new continuous special section on *security and SE* offering both a dedicated guest editorial board and a fast-impact track path to articles in this hot research area. I express my appreciation to the guest editor-in-chief Paolo Tonella and the guest editors Tim Menzies and Michael R. Lyu for their dedication to the special section on AI and SE, and I welcome Burak Turhan, who has strengthened the guest editorial board since the beginning of January 2020 in substitution of Tim. I thank Abhik Roychoudhury for his availability in serving as guest editor-in-chief of the new special section on security and SE and Eric Bodden, Tevfik Bultan, Sam Malek, and Zibin Zheng, who serve as guest editors.

Finally, we confirm the long-lasting TOSEM tradition of hosting thorough survey articles by explicitly introducing the *survey article* type for articles that survey the current state of research in relevant topics of software engineering. We welcome articles of any length and guarantee the *fast-impact* status to articles with no more than 45 pages of text (not including bibliography), which we aim to review within 90 days.

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