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From the Editor-in-Chief

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FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

We are proud to share with you this special edition issue of the *JDFSL*. This year, *JDFSL* partnered with both the 6th International Conference on Digital Forensics and Cyber Crime (ICDF2C) and Systematic Approaches to Digital Forensic Engineering (SADFE)–two prominent conferences in our field that were co-hosted. Fifty-three papers were submitted, and the Technical Program Committee accepted only 17 after a rigorous review process.

A lot has happened since our last issue. We have accomplished a variety of goals. We list some of them below:

1. Our journal is now fully indexed with Open Academic Journal Index (OAJI)

2. All our issues are now indexed by DBLP

3. We still accept submissions in PDF format but can now accept the final accepted manuscript in either LaTeX or Word

4. We now have a new upgraded general Website more integrated with the submission webwsite for access to published manuscripts

5. We were granted access to archive our journal with arxiv.org

6. All our issues are now open access and now made available under the *Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial-NoDerivatives* 4.0 International License

7. The JDFSL continues its policy of not requiring authors to pay a fee in order to publish in the regular issues of the *JDFSL*. The *JDFSL* is indeed very grateful to our many sponsors who make this possible.

8. We have added many new members to our editorial board increasing our scope and depth

We hope to continue to forge strong relationships with other high-impact conferences so that we can provide research academics and practitioners the possibility of publishing high impact articles in a quality peer-reviewed open access form.

In this special issue, we are especially proud of the quality of the published research presented. It reflects our tradition of remaining a truly multi-disciplinary publication venue.

The seventeen papers in this issue can be categorized into the following themes: (1) Network Forensics; (2) Digital Investigations and Case Studies; (3) Online/Internet Forensics; (4) Digital Investigations–Tools and Approaches; (5) Digital Forensic Analysis Techniques; (6) Laws and Standards; and (6) Small Scale Digital Device Forensics.

Besides the diversity of the topics in this issue, we also note the international nature of our authors. Papers published in this issue, in no particular order, come from authors in the following countries: (1) United States; (2) Czech Republic; (3) Israel; (4) Hong Kong; (5) South Korea; (6) India; and (7) Ireland. However, the conference

received audience from fourteen countries, and eight US states–which we hope increases *JDFSL*'s international visibility.

At this point, I would like to thank the hard work of our Associate Editor-in-Chief Linda Lau, our publisher Glenn Dardick and our Administrative Assistant Alex Greene for working hard to make sure this issue is released in a timely fashion.

I would also like to thank our new board members and the TPC committee from the ICDF2C and SADFE conferences for helping ensure a quality peer-reviewed process for this edition. I would like to especially thank the TPC Chairs Joshua James, Frank Breitinger, Andrew Marrtington and Ricci Ieong.

We hope that with all these activities, we continue to solidify our goal of making *JDFSL* the top venue for the publication of open-access, multidisciplinary cyber forensics and security research.

Sincerely,
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