EDITORIAL
Boldly, to go

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As Captain of the starship Enterprise in the *Star Trek* TV program, Kirk's job was "to boldly go where no one has gone before." I would like to think that the *AI EDAM* journal has done just that, and will continue to do so.

The goals of the Journal are to publish the best new research in the field; to publish cutting edge special issues about current and future "hot topics"; to build, maintain, and engage a community of scholars involved with *AI EDAM* topics; and to do all of this while aspiring to the highest standards.

This is my last issue as Editor in Chief of the Journal. Ten years is enough: it is time to be bold, and go.

With the next volume in 2012 I hand the reins over to Professor Yan Jin from the Department of Aerospace & Mechanical Engineering at the University of Southern California. Yan is highly qualified for the job: he is an ASME Fellow with a distinguished academic and industrial career, strong interest in artificial intelligence, time spent on the *AI EDAM* Editorial Board, and experience as an Associate Editor for another journal.

We will work together to ensure a smooth transition so that neither readers nor authors should notice. I will remain on the Board and look forward to contributing to the Journal's, and Yan's, continued success.

I would like to give a huge vote of thanks to all the previous Editors in Chief, the Authors, Reviewers, Guest Editors, Associate Editors, Editorial Board members, Cambridge University Press staff, and our Senior Project Managing Editor Nancy BriggsShearer for all of their support and hard work during my time as Editor in Chief. I am confident that you will do the same for Yan.

It is a happy coincidence that the next volume will be used to mark the 25th Anniversary of the *AI EDAM* journal. I wish Yan good luck as the journal's 4th Editor in Chief, as he leads it toward another 25 years.