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EDITORIAL

It's with considerable pleasure that we welcome SCS members and indeed the larger modeling and simulation community, to this first issue of the SCS M&S Magazine. Many readers will be aware that a similar SCS publication existed for a short period but ceased publication five years ago. The intrinsic value of that publication's intent was recognized by both Mohammad Obaidat, the incoming SCS President and Tuncer Ören, the recently appointed SCS Vice-President of Publications who took on the task of re-juvenating the concept. I was pleased to accept Tuncer's invitation to serve as Editor-in-Chief and to work with him in creating an informative quarterly publication that will serve as a genuinely useful member benefit for the SCS membership.

The "new" M&S Magazine differs from its predecessor in two key respects; first, it is being distributed exclusively as an e-publication (at least initially) and second, it is sharing the e-publication space with a sister publication, the SCS M&S Newsletter. This second feature has an important impact upon the scope of the M&S Magazine. The M&S Newsletter's primary focus on topics with an element of time criticality (e.g., conference notices/reviews, recent or upcoming events within the Society or within the broader M&S community) will permit the M&S Magazine, with its quarterly publication schedule, to present material that is informative in an alternate more general sense but still with an appeal to the modeling and simulation community at large.

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