Let me introduce myself. I am the new Editor in Chief of Applied Computing Review. I am an academician with research and professional interests in applied aspects of software engineering, such as software measures, software reuse, empirical software engineering, software product lines and extreme programming. I am Professor at the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering of the University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

Being Editor in Chief of a prestigious scientific journal like ACR is for me like being a captain of a ship, sailing to discover new treasures and territories. I have an idea of where we are and some vision where we could go.

ACR is now an established forum to discuss applied problems related to computing in general. In the last years several important topics have been covered, including web technology, software engineering, and network systems. In addition ACR has a group of faithful readers and a solid flow of submissions.

I would like to lead ACR to become an even more solid bridge to link the world of the academia to that of the industry. To accomplish such goal I will start a series of special issues on “hot topics.” The next four issues will be on Computational Intelligence in Software Engineering, Applications of Agent Based Technology, Use of Formal Methods in Software Systems Development, and Granular Computing in Practice.

I will not sail alone! I will have a world-class crew working with me, helping me with suggestions and reviews. The names of the people in the crew are –in strict alphabetical order: M. Ancona, L. Benedicenti, J. Bhuyan, E. Damiani, R. Haraty, D. Huizinga, C. Hung, R. Inder, C. Jo, W. Jones, M. Krishnamurthi, S. Lakshmivarahan, D. Morton, M. Omari, Andrea Omicini, B. Panda, W. Pedrycz, G. Raidl, D. Rine, P. Srimani, A. Vasilakos, R. Wainwright

In addition, as usual regular submissions will be invited, reviewed and published whenever appropriate.

I would like to express the warmest thanks of the whole scientific community to Dr. Barrette Bryant, who has served as Editor in Chief for the past years. His diligence and ingenuity have contributed to establish the journal as a principal publication in the field of applied computing. I would also like to than the executives of ACR for offering me the position of EIC.

I hope that you will not hesitate to feed me back with you comments, your complaints, and your suggestions.

Giancarlo Succi