

Dear Reader,

The recent US elections tells us that even with simple numbers,  $1+1$  is not always 3... Playing with tons of numbers always raises the issue of description of the non-linearities and of management of uncertainty present in these numbers. If you then consider the noisiness of Software Engineering data, it is then clear why often simple statistics fall short in describing relations existing in this important branch of the applied computing realm and why we need to explore innovative approaches.

This issue of Applied Computing Review deals with the establishment of sound techniques based on Computational Intelligence to manipulate Software Engineering data. We thank the inspiring work of the guest editors, Witold Pedrycz and Petr Musilek, for compiling this special issue of exceptional quality.

And now the news! The next issue of Applied Computing Review will be based on regular submissions of fully reviewed papers. Our associate editors and reviewers are working at full speed now reviewing submissions to our journal. In Fall of 2001 we will have a special issue on the applications of Agent-based technology, guest edited by Professors Benedicenti and Paranjape of the University of Regina.

The next Symposium on Applied Computing will be held in Las Vegas, USA, March 11-14, 2001. It will features first class papers in the area of applied computing, organized in several technical tracks, including Artificial Intelligence; Bioinformatics; Computational Sciences; Computer Uses in Education; Coordination Models, Languages and Applications; Digital Audio and Video; Database Technology; Evolutionary Computation and Optimization; Neuro-Fuzzy Applications; Mobile Computing Systems and Applications; Multimedia and Visualization; Parallel and Distributed Processing; Programming Languages; Software Engineering.

I hope to see all of you in Las Vegas!!!

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