

EDITORIAL

2014 IJGS Best Contribution Award

Contrary to our previous annual *Best Paper Awards*, which were initiated by Taylor and Francis in 2007, we have decided this year that the time is ripe to broaden the scope of these awards from *Best Paper Awards* to *Best Contribution Awards* to include not only individual papers, but also Special Issues of papers and possibly some other types of contributions. Let me explain the rationale for this decision.

Each year, the winner of the *Best Paper Awards* was decided on the basis of nominations received from members of our Editorial Board. Although among the nominations received during last several years were not only those for individual papers, but also some for Special Issues of papers, none of the nominated Special Issues emerged as a winner. This year, however, the winner is the *Special Issue on Unconventional Computing* edited by Andrew Adamatzky (43 (7–8), 671–782).

Employing the same nominating rules as the last year's, described in my Editorial published in 43 (5–6), 551, this Special Issue received six nominating points. The runner-up is the paper "How to represent expert information about imprecise properties in a computer system: random sets, fuzzy sets, and beyond" by Hung T. Nguyen and Vladik Kreinovich (43 (5–6), 586–609), which received 5.5 nominating points. Each of the remaining 12 nominated papers received 3.5 or less nominating points.

Let me add that the following four papers from the winning Special Issue were also separately nominated and received together 5.5 nominating points:

- (1) "Local and global models in physics and computation" by Susan Stepney, 43 (7–8), 673–681.
- (2) "The promise of analog computation" by B. J. MacLennan, 43 (7–8), 682–696.
- (3) "Reversibility in space-bounded computation" by Kenichi Morita, 43 (7–8), 697–712.
- (4) "On logical universality of Belousov-Zhabotinsky vesicles" by Andrew Adamatzky et al., 43 (7–8), 757–769.

In my opinion, this further strengthens the winning status of the *Special Issue on Unconventional Computing*.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to Andy Adamatzky for preparing this excellent Special Issue for the journal, and I would like to congratulate him on receiving the well-deserved Award.

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