Letter from the Bulletín Edítor

Dear Reader,

First of all, I wish all of you a happy and successful 2012. Let it be a fruitful year for each of you, for theoretical computer science, and for EATCS.

Our columns deliver the usual richness and variety of interesting contents. We start with a discussion on the recent progress in the connections between SAT algorithms and circuit lower bounds by Rahul Santhanam ("COMPUTATIONAL COMPLEXITY COLUMN"). A survey on recent results in distributed systems under non-uniform failure models by Petr Kuznetsov ("CONCURRENCY COLUMN"), and an excursion on some of the mechanisms for type inference used by the "Mathematical Componnets" project by Jeremy Avigad ("LOGIC IN COMPUTER SCIENCE COLUMN").

Let me draw your attention to the reports on activities and conferences included in this issue, and express my thanks to the authors in keeping track of the main ideas discussed at them.

I have to end this letter with a sad message. On January 23nd, 2011, our friend and colleague Sheng Yu passed away. I wish to express his family and all his colleagues the deepest mourning of our community. You can find an in memoriam note by Arto Salomaa in this bulletin issue.

I hope you'll enjoy the contents of this Bulletin issue,

María Serna, Barcelona February 2012