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## Editorial Introduction

I have served as Editor-in-Chief for *Evolutionary Computation* over the last six years. I had three major goals for the journal: 1) I wanted to publish important, key papers related to evolutionary computing, 2) I wanted to increase the subscription base and make the journal profitable, and 3) I wanted to get the journal on track in terms of timely publication. Journals are not successful overnight, and some journals that were launched around the same time as *Evolutionary Computation* are no longer with us. These goals were largely met, and *Evolutionary Computation* is now a healthy and well-established journal.

Recently, our impact factor was computed by Citeseer. Impact is estimated using the average citation rate, where citations are normalized using the average citation rate for all articles in a given year and transformed using  $\ln(n + 1)$ , where  $n$  is the number of citations. Over 1000 conferences and journals were ranked covering all areas of computer science. *Evolutionary Computation* was ranked number 32, in the top 2.7 percent, with an impact factor of 1.81. Details can be found at <http://citeseer.nj.nec.com/impact.html>

Some months ago, I decided to step down as Editor-in-Chief of the journal. There are other things that I need to do. And more important, there are things that others can do for the journal that will help it to improve and grow.

Marc Schoenauer was elected by the editorial board to take over as Editor-in-Chief. Marc is well known in the community, and I am sure that the journal will not only continue to be healthy but will further improve under his leadership. I want to thank Marc on behalf of the community for taking on this job.

Finally, I want to thank Lisa Knebl who has worked with me over the last six years. Lisa quickly learned the many skills that were needed to manage the production of the journal, including Latex and stylefile technical skills that go beyond routine typesetting. She also proved to be an excellent copy editor, sometimes even pointing out problems in mathematical presentations that surprised authors. I would not and could not have done this job for six years without her help.

It has been an honor to serve the community.

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