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## Editorial Introduction

Welcome to the first issue of 2001. A quick look at the papers will reveal that the format of *Evolutionary Computation* has changed. This format was selected because of the simple cleanness of the layout. This change in format also comes with a set of new L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X style files that will make the production of the journal even more efficient and easier.

This is the ninth volume of *Evolutionary Computation*. The journal has been profitable for a couple of years and now has a strong circulation base. The circulation base recently increased further. There now exists an International Society for Genetic and Evolutionary Computation and membership in the society includes a subscription to *Evolutionary Computation*.

Interest in the field of genetic and evolutionary computation continues to grow, and new applications continue to be developed. *Evolutionary Computation* will continue to publish the best work in the field, and I would like to thank those individuals who have contributed their time and expertise in the support of this journal.

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