

## FOREWORD

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the first issue of the fourth volume of JESTEC. The past three years were very exciting and they saw JESTEC moving from strength to strength, navigating the obstacles and challenges while upholding the tradition of being a high quality and dynamic publication. As the confidence of the academic community in JESTEC increases we are receiving an increasing number of submissions and invitations to collaborate on Special Issues for conferences. The Board of Editors is responding by increasing the number of issues per year to four instead of three. These will appear in March, June, September and December.

The move to increase the number of issues shows the commitment towards providing a smooth service to our contributors and the community at large and this definitely implies even tighter timelines for our contributor, reviewers and editors. However, we are confident that we can work together to further improve JESTEC and take on the future challenges head on.

Please enjoy the interesting collection of papers available in this issue. Until we meet again, please take care.

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