## A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



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# Tempus Fugit 3.0: IS in Cyberspace

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fter four years as the editor in chief of *IEEE Intelligent Systems*, I will be handing the reins to Daniel Zeng at the start of next year. For my farewell letter, I decided to extend the title of the last editorial by Nigel Shadbolt, the predecessor of my processor, and revisit the title of my inaugural editorial, "Intelligent Systems in a Connected World." I'm not going to wonder how fast the time has flown by; instead, I would like to discuss briefly where the time of intelligent systems could fly to.

In the age of Tempus Fugit 1.0, the time flown into the real virtuality, becomes our history and memory. So come experience, knowledge, experts, and scientists, and the birth of our magazine, *IEEE Expert*. Tempus Fugit 1.0 set the stage for AI 1.0: data for computing and descriptive computing for descriptive intelligence.

Today, we're experiencing Tempus Fugit 2.0, and the time flies into virtual reality and echoes back on the Web and social media. *Intelligent Systems* pioneered AI 2.0 with special issues on Web science and social computing. In AI 2.0, our focus is predictive computing for predictive intelligence.

We're going to face Tempus Fugit 3.0 soon, and the time will fly into cyberspace, where reality and virtuality are one, and your experience will be really virtual or virtually real. Our magazine should lead the effort in constructing intelligent systems for cyberspace, and move toward AI 3.0 with prescriptive computing for prescriptive intelligence.

I could continue with Tempus Fugit (N+1), but as pronounced by Confucius standing on a stream more than 2,000 years ago, "time passes away fast like running water," and it's time for me to say goodbye to this great magazine. I'm deeply grateful for this unique experience and proud of what I have accomplished during my term. I hope this great magazine will continue to progress like time flies, so fast, so smooth, so seamless, and always on time, no matter what!

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to express my deepest appreciation and thanks to my team of editorial board, advisory board, and editorial staff members, especially Associate EIC Daniel Zeng and Emeritus EIC Jim Hendler, and lead editors, Brian Brannon, Dale Strok, Brian Kirk, Cheryl Baltes, and Jake Widman, as well as Jennifer Stout and Rebecca Deuel-Gallegos, for their great service and dedication!

Enjoy *IEEE Intelligent Systems*, and thank you all!■