

EDITORIAL

Welcome to the spring issue of the *International Journal of Simulation Modelling*. There are few things that we would like to highlight in this issue. First, you will find four papers, discussing different problems: the application of artificial neural networks for fault detection and isolation in mechanical manipulators, the application of Finite Element Method for the study of cylindrical helical springs, the study of special situations causing Bullwhip Effect in supply chains, and simulation analyses of the helmet protection in reducing head injuries. Second, an overview of the most important simulation events in the next 6 months is presented. Third, our discrete-event simulation software listing has been updated.

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The journal is still under review for the Thomson / ISI Science Citation Index. We hope that the journal will be selected for coverage in Thomson Databases (Web of Science).

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