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We would like to thank our co-editors, editorial board members, guest editors, referees and authors that have contributed to JTAER with new ideas and editorial work during the last seven years. Based on their suggestions last year we implemented the Editorial Board Communications System, and this year we are implementing a platform to support of a research network and an alert system. Together with this system we have implemented a plagiarism detection service module that includes the use of Scirus, Google Scholar, and Microsoft Academic Research databases and search engines like Yahoo, Bing and Google. Another platform that will be available from next year will be the production system that will allow our production assistants to manage the communication with authors regarding proofreading and copyright issues.

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We hope that our board members, guest editors, referees, and authors will continue proposing strategies to improve the quality of JTAER and its processes, and new ideas to improve communication among researchers, and those involved in the editorial and production processes. We appreciate and encourage your valuable contribution. We are currently reviewing suggestions for implementing a replication corner; building a plug-in for the JTAER referencing style in EndNote; developing a JTAER reader application for Android and iPhone/iPad; and improving the website interface design;

We consider that the implementation of these software platforms and service modules are a step forward in our constant search for new strategies and ideas to improve the work among JTAER's stakeholders and the quality of our journal. We thanks our stakeholders for their participation in this matter. The appropriate use of these platforms and modules will make our communication more effective and efficient, contributing to the improvement of the quality of the process and of our decisions.