

# Message from the Editor

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Dear SIGSPATIAL Community,

The newsletter serves the community by publishing short contributions such as SIGSPATIAL conferences' highlights, calls and announcements for conferences and journals that are of interest to the community, as well as short technical notes on current topics.

The first section of this March 2019 issue features three technical reports highlighting potential new future research directions. These directions include Spatial Pattern Matching, new directions for Spatial Joins, and applications for using Traffic Simulation for research.

The second section consists of SIGSPATIAL 2018 event reports, including the ACM SIGSPATIAL 2018 main conference report and a report of the 2018 SIGSPATIAL CUP. Last but not least, a new type of workshop called "Spatial Gems" for archiving and disseminating fundamental techniques for solving spatial problems is presented herein.

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I want to sincerely thank all authors of for their generous contributions of time and effort that made this issue possible. I hope that you will find the newsletters interesting and informative and that you will enjoy this issue.

Yours sincerely,

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