

# 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 July 2019 issue features three technical reports highlighting potential new future research directions and challenges. These directions include challenges in GeoAI, ethical issues in urban computing, and the vision of quantum spatial computing. The second sections contains a technical report of a system of broad interest to spatial data scientists in the SIGSPATIAL community. It describes UCR-STAR, a repository that not only currently stores more than a hundred spatial and spatio-temporal datasets but that allows to visually explore these datasets prior to downloading them.

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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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