

Foreword

Computing is undoubtedly one of the most vibrant scientific/technical disciplines. New concepts, new principles, and new approaches have kept emerging in shorter and shorter cycles. Autonomic/Adaptive Computing, Complex Adaptive Systems, Emergence, Grid Computing, Multi-Agent Systems, Self-Organization, Service Oriented Computing, Utility Based Computing, to just mention a few.

At such a time, when both opportunity and challenge are leading the road ahead, is the “Multiagent and Grid Systems – An International Journal” being launched for the frontiers of Computing. The Journal aims to provide a timely and focal research forum for academics and practitioners in the following thematic areas:

- (1) Multi-Agent Systems,
- (2) Grid Computing,
- (3) Autonomic/Adaptive Computing, and
- (4) Their intersections, and their applications.

The Journal is committed to high-level scientific standard and technical quality. Specifically,

We will respect the **diversity** of research. Manuscripts will be decided solely on the basis of their scientific/technical merits, specifically for example, their

technical relevance, contribution, quality, etc. We will basically rely upon the peer reviews for decision.

We will be **efficient**. We may decline a manuscript promptly without being put it on review if we don't find it interesting or relevant. We will control the review process within a short period and will moderate the reviewer comments to be constructive and helpful for the authors.

We will be **pro-active**. We will keep the Journal's interests particularly in the latest developments in the thematic areas and take foresights in the emerging fields. We may directly invite articles from renowned experts and active researchers, and may organize special issues on contemporary problems of profound research challenge in the thematic areas.

The “Multiagent and Grid Systems – An International Journal” is bound to take the international leaderships in its thematic areas. Let's wish it every success!

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