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## Editorial

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Soft computing is a collection of algorithms that are employed to find a solution for complex problems, where conventional methods have not yielded low cost and time – feasible solutions. It offers an effective solution for studying and modelling the stochastic behaviour of the intelligent system and their ability to handle imprecise information has been a key factor for their increasing demand. The embedded soft computing approach in intelligent systems is a combination of embedded fuzzy logic and neural networks models for information processing in a complex environment to increase performance and to make them more intelligent.

An intelligent system is a computer-based system that can represent, collect and interpret data and act on the results of its analysis. Soft computing applications on intelligent systems have many, from processing huge datasets to controlling robots. The ideas and concepts are drawn from the areas of artificial intelligence, machine learning and a range of fields such as psychology and brain sciences, forming many interdisciplinary relationships. This special issue aims to address the various scope of soft computing approaches and intelligent systems and the papers contributed high quality theoretical and practical works. The set of papers for this special issue widely grouped into two categories. The first category of papers under algorithms emphasises on machine learning techniques using python, feature selection methods over classification algorithms, real-time motor imagery classification, multispectral image classification. The second category of papers deals with time delay systems, microgrids using a predictive controller, risk management in software development projects, scheduling of jobs considering tool transfer time, wind energy potential estimation and text to speech converter for visually impaired.

The Guest Editors would like to express their deep gratitude to all the authors who have submitted their valuable contributions, and to the numerous and highly qualified anonymous reviewers. We think that the selected contributions, which represent the current state of the art in the field, will be of great interest to the intelligent system. In addition, we would like to thank the Inderscience publication staff members for their continuous support and dedication. We, particularly, appreciate the relentless support and encouragement granted to us by Prof. Edmund M-K. Lai, the Editor-in-Chief of the *International Journal of Intelligent Systems Technologies and Applications*.