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## Editorial

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**Biographical notes:** Michael Winikoff was the Editor-in-Chief of the *International Journal of Agent-Oriented Software Engineering* from 2014–2021. He is a (Full) Professor and Head of the School of Information Management at Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand. Previously, he was at the University of Otago, New Zealand, where he was the Head of Department. Before moving to New Zealand, he was at RMIT University in Melbourne, Australia. He was the General co-Chair of AAMAS 2017, and Program co-Chair of AAMAS 2012. He is an editorial board member of the *Journal on Autonomous Agents and Multi-Agent Systems (JAAMAS)*.

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I am writing this brief editorial since this is my final issue as the Editor-in-Chief of the *International Journal of Agent-Oriented Software Engineering (IJAOSE)*.

I took on the role of Editor-in-Chief of *IJAOSE* in late 2014. A little under seven years later, in August 2021, I tendered my resignation, but offered to handle publications already submitted through to publication, which has taken a number of months.

My main reason for writing this editorial is to thank people. I would like to thank the staff at Inderscience who have managed the journal and supported me along the way. I would like to thank the members of the research community who have volunteered their time as associate editors and editorial board members, and have contributed to discussions about the journal and as reviewers. I would also like to thank everyone who has reviewed for *IJAOSE* – the journal’s quality, and its utility to authors depends on your work. And, last but certainly not least, I would like to thank the authors who submitted to *IJAOSE*, without whom *IJAOSE* obviously would not exist. Thank you all!

One of the changes that I made to *IJAOSE* was to broaden it from focusing on agent-oriented software engineering, to more broadly encompassing the engineering of agents and multi-agent systems. This reflected changes in the community at the time, with the long-running Agent Oriented Software Engineering (AOSE) workshop merging with two other workshops, Programming Multiagent Systems (ProMAS) and Declarative Agent Languages and Technologies (DALT), to form the workshop on Engineering Multi-Agent Systems (EMAS), which first ran in 2013, and is now heading into its 10th edition (see <https://emas.in.tu-clausthal.de/>).

It is therefore fitting that my final issue of *IJAOSE* contains papers that cover different areas of EMAS. There is a paper on a methodology, which is a traditional topic for AOSE. A paper on quantifying the progress of goals, which would not be out of place in DALT. A paper on a multi-agent simulation framework that sits in the ProMAS area. And a paper on evaluating personal assistants, which broadly relates to EMAS. It is also

good to see the final issue exemplify the ‘international’ part of the journal’s title, with the four papers having authors from North America (the USA), Europe (France, Greece and the Netherlands), the Middle East (Jordan) and Australia.

I hope you enjoy this issue, and I wish *IJAOSE* and my successor as Editor-in-Chief all the best.