*Editorial*

# Passing the Torch ...

*David B. Leake*



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This issue is my last as editor in chief of *AI Magazine.* It was a tremendous honor and privilege for me to lead *AI Magazine,* which I have done since 1999. It was a special pleasure to work with an outstanding team of volunteers—-the editorial board, column editors, and others—-and with the authors and reviewers, as well as with Mike Hamilton, managing editor, and the AAAI staff. As my administrative duties have expanded at Indiana University, where I am now executive associate dean of the School of Informatics and Computing, the time has come for me to pass the torch.

The editorship provided me with a birds-eye view of the field of AI that brought its stunning progress into focus. Research advances and the integration of AI into everyday life today give artificial intelligence unprecedented practical impact. The tremendous activity in diverse AI subareas underlines the importance of the magazine's mission of making advances across the field of AI accessible to the broad AI community.

Ashok Goel, of Georgia Tech, who is currently editor in chief elect, will become editor in chief with the winter issue. Goel is a professor of computer science and cognitive science in the School of Interactive Computing at Georgia Institute of Technology. He brings to the editorship both extensive leadership experience and broad scientific expertise in human-centered computing, artificial intelligence and cognitive science, with special focus on computational design, discovery, and creativity. In consultation with the *AI Magazine* Editorial Board, the AAAI Publications Committee, the AAAI Executive Council, and many leaders in the AI community, he has developed an inspiring and ambitious long-term vision for building on the magazine's strengths and launching new initiatives for coming issues.

I would like again to thank all those who have contributed to *AI Magazine.* during my tenure and to express my deep appreciation for those with whom I have worked as editor in chief. I welcome Ashok to the helm. The AAAI Executive Council has appointed me as editor emeritus and I look forward to continuing my engagement in that role.

It is an exciting time for *AI Magazine,* and for AI.

*David Leake*

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