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This second issue of the JASA brings to you three regular submissions, rigorously double-blind reviewed, as well as two articles selected as best papers presented at the ASA Multidisciplinary Research Symposium that took place in October, 2016 at Southern Illinois University; the focus of the symposium was on innovation and emerging technologies that have served or will serve as a catalyst for progress, change, and evolution in the Applied Arts and Sciences.

Donald Bartlett talks to us about aircraft noise in his article titled *The Effects of Using Noise Reduction Turbofan Engine Nozzle Designs on a Turbojet Engine*, a complex topic projected to gain prominence with the increasing number of aircraft and size of the engines.

In the article *Complexity as a Narrative: Architecture and Chaos*, Giacomo Pala discusses how computers and the introduction of digital media have imposed new conventions to architecture over the last thirty years, forcing architecture to find ways to deal with new technologies and to develop new disciplinary meanings.

The article *Post Occupancy Evaluation an Academic Building: Lessons to Learn* article by Reza T. Ahmadi, Diana Saiki, and Charles Ellis, describes a tool used to determine the users' satisfaction of a building after its completion. This is quite innovative research since most educational facilities do not conduct a post occupancy evaluation.

The last two submissions were best papers selected from the symposium. Qian Huang and Chen Mao in their paper titled *Occupancy Estimation in Smart Building Using Hybrid CO2/Light Wireless Sensor Network*, talk about "demand-driven HVAC control" for smart buildings delivering useful services to residents at the lowest cost and maximum comfort. Their team investigated the issue by using a wireless CO2 sensor network connected to HVAC systems to realize fine-grained, energy efficient smart buildings.

Finally, Blaine M. Heisner, in *The Effects of Electronic Throttle Control Systems on Gasoline Internal Combustion Engine Compression Testing Procedures*, investigated the effects of Electronic Throttle Control (ETC) on engine compression test procedures to make accommodations for these effects to reliably diagnose engine mechanical problems.

I hope you enjoy reading these pieces as much as I did and that you can gain some practical advice useful for your own use-driven research.

Cordially yours,

Prof. Jorge Díaz-Herrera, Ph.D. Editor-in-Chief

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