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Issue overview

Welcome to the first issue in our fourth year of *AI Matters*. This issue has lots of great new ways for you to catch up on the latest in AI News, beginning with reports on conferences and events. The first is a report on the first AAAI/ACM Conference on Artificial Intelligence, Ethics, and Society, which SIGAI helped to start. We also have a discussion on the 2018 AAAI job fair. We also have a forward looking vision of what AI could be like in 2017, from the perspective of four prominent AI researchers who discussed this issue at IJCAI 2017.

In this issue's **AI Education** column, Todd Neller discusses teaching Hidden Markov Models. He provides a number of resources, including online lectures and readings, to help AI educators on this important topic.

Next, we have an obituary for Professor Jon Oberlander from the University of Edinburgh, who passed away suddenly.

The AI Matters blog (<http://sigai.acm.org/ai-matters/>) contains regular postings on AI and current policy by Larry Medsker, our ACM SIGAI Public Policy Officer. He writes a summary article for each issue on **AI Policy**, but the blog contains the most up-to-date and full information.

We have a fascinating contribution from John Havens summarizing the work at IEEE on creating ethical standards for AI systems. SIGAI is represented on the executive committee for this work and we suggest that you read his article and also get involved.

Finally, we have a great humor contribution from Michael Genesereth written in the form of a newspaper article from the future when a computer is elected governor of California! It could happen!

You may notice that our **AI Interviews** column is missing in this issue! We asked a number of

prominent AI researchers but were unable to get a response from anyone in a timely manner because they are so prominent. If you have suggestions on who we could interview next, we would really appreciate it!

New AI Matters co-editors needed!

Are you interested in learning about lots of great AI related news and information? Do you have a passion for a particular part of AI news that we should be covering?

AI Matters really needs new YOU!

We are in need of new co-editors as well as leaders for individual sections. We have ideas for new sections but need people to help take the lead. This is a fun and rewarding job and would be great for visibility for more junior researchers. If you are interested, please email us at <mailto:aimatters@sigai.acm.org>.

Submit to AI Matters!

Thanks for reading! Don't forget to send your ideas and future submissions to *AI Matters*! We're accepting articles and announcements now for the Spring 2018 issue. Details on the submission process are available at <http://sigai.acm.org/aimatters>.





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