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Issue overview

Welcome to the second issue of the sixth volume of the AI Matters Newsletter.

We open with the annual report of SIGAI by our new leadership team. We then bring you a brief report on upcoming SIGAI Events and Conference Reports by Louise Dennis, our new conference coordination officer. In our regular Education column, Todd Neller presents a retrospective of an initiative for mentoring undergraduate research in AI that has been going on since 2014. In the Policy column, Larry Medsker covers ongoing discussions on AI policy issues, for example with respect to ethical implications on Facial Recognition software and surveillance technologies to track the coronavirus pandemic. We end the issue with our regular column on AI generated crosswords from Adi Botea.

Special Issue: AI For Social Good

Recognizing the potential of AI in solving some of the most pressing challenges facing our society, we are excited to announce that the next Newsletter of AI Matters will be a special issue on the theme of “AI for Social Good.” We solicit articles that discuss how AI applications and/or innovations have resulted in a meaningful impact on a societally relevant problem, including problems in the domains of health, agriculture, environmental sustainability, ecological forecasting, urban planning, climate science, education, social welfare and justice, ethics and privacy, and assistive technology for people with disabilities. We also encourage submissions on emerging problems where AI advances have the potential to influence a transformative change, and perspective articles that highlight the challenges faced by current standards of AI to have a societal impact and opportunities for future research in this area. More details to be coming soon on <http://sigai.acm.org/aimatters>. Please get in touch with us if you have any questions!

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 next issue. Details on the submission process are available at <http://sigai.acm.org/aimatters>.



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