

Letter from Chairs

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Dear Members,

After a short pause, we're excited to announce that AI Matters is returning with a new vision, a broader scope, and an updated format. We envision the newsletter as a useful resource for the three primary communities of ACM SIGAI – AI researchers, professional practitioners, and students – helping everyone stay up to date with developments across the field. AI Matters will continue to advance our mission of promoting the growth and application of AI principles and techniques through computing. We invite you, the members, to take part in this.

Alongside the usual conference reports, we plan to feature research highlights, opinion pieces, themed articles, tutorials, book reviews, advice for early-career researchers, competitions, and more. However, we can only make all of this possible with your contributions. If you have an idea for a column to write regularly, a topic to explore, or strong opinions on AI to share, we'd love to hear from you. We also welcome personal reflections and observations from your work in AI, as well as lighter pieces — from puzzles and jokes to memorable or amusing encounters with LLMs.

As well as reaching your ACM SIGAI colleagues, any relevant content can also be posted to [AlHub.org](https://alhub.org) and [Robohub.org](https://robohub.org), so you can reach a wider audience. If you would like any advice or training in communicating your ideas, the team at [AlHub.org](https://alhub.org) can help.

You can expect these changes from the next issue onwards. If you would like to get involved, please contact us at aimatters@sigai.acm.org. Full submission guidelines are on our website at <https://sigai.acm.org/main/ai-matters/>. For now, enjoy this issue, where you'll find reports on the conferences we sponsored over the last year, and highlights from the Mentored Undergraduate Research Challenge.

Warm regards,

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