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Issue overview

Welcome to the second issue of this year's AI Matters Newsletter.

We start with a report on upcoming SIGAI Events by Dilini Samarasinghe and Conference reports by Louise Dennis, our conference coordination officer. In our regular Education column, Carolyn Rosé discusses the role of AI in education in a post-pandemic reality. We then bring you our regular Policy column, where Larry Medsker covers interesting and timely discussions on AI policy, for example whether governments should play a role in reducing algorithmic bias. This issue closes with an article contribution from Li Dong, one of the runner-ups in the latest AAIS/SIGAI dissertation award, on the use neural models to build natural language interfaces.

The editorial team wishes a great summer to all SIGAI community members!

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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