

*Dear Colleagues:*

The future of science is with the student researchers entering the field. Their vision, their insights, their approaches will shape the future research. To highlight their contributions, the Editorial Board of the International Journal *Reliable Computing* decided to publish on a regular basis special issues with high-quality papers written by students (either alone, or in co-authorship with their professors). The first such issue was published in 1995, and we are happy to present the second (1996) student issue.

We want to thank the anonymous referees for their thorough job of reviewing the papers (student papers undergo the same refereeing process as all other papers). Also, we want to thank Slava Nesterov, who handled refereeing of several papers. He is truly the third co-editor of this student issue.

Last but not the least, we would like to thank the authors, especially the student authors, for their excellent job. We hope that this issue will encourage other students to submit their papers for the forthcoming 1997 issue.

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