EDITORIAL

What we publish

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Thank you for the support in getting *Network Science* up and running. We are deeply appreciative of the work our associate editors, authors, and reviewers have put into realizing this vision of an interdisciplinary journal for network science. And of course, the journal would not be possible without the hard work of the editors of *Network Science*, who act as action editors for the submitted articles.

With the introduction of a new contribution format in this issue (*Commentaries*), we thought it useful to describe the different types of articles you can expect to see in this journal in forthcoming issues. In addition to the standard scientific peer-reviewed article, *Network Science* will now publish Editorials, Commentaries, and End Notes, with the promise of more things to come in the future.

Scientific papers

These are the usual "meat and potatoes" of the journal. All such contributions are assigned to an action editor and are peer-reviewed. Our journal, *Network Science*, is a defining work, shaping this new discipline. As we state on our website, scientific papers are welcome from researchers in all areas, working on network theory, methods, and data.

Editorials

Editorials are authored by the *Network Science* editors. In these Editorials, one or more of the journal editors issue statements about journal policy, as we are doing now, or discuss some issue in the field, as we did in our first issue in our first Editorial, "What is network science?" Our Editorials are peer-reviewed by the editors themselves.

Commentaries

Commentaries are peer-reviewed just like scientific papers, but are more informal statements on a research or substantive issue. In a sense, they are Editorials written by others, submitted to the journal, that we hope will spur discussion in the field, and perhaps replies. Harrington et al. (this issue), for instance, argue that exposure

to network science should happen before the college years for students, and shares modules for teaching teenagers about network ideas. Badham (this issue) opens what we hope will be a discussion in the field about the most appropriate shape measures to describe degree distribution. Your responses are welcome and we also encourage your ideas for future Commentaries.

End Notes

We also hope to feature our last type of submission, the End Note, at the end of each issue. These are short pieces accompanied by a very prominent visualization. These notes are intended to *open* discussion of an area of interest, not close it. The two End Notes that have been published, Moody & Mucha (first issue) and Sporns & van den Huevel (this issue), have provided excellent examples of the type of concise research statement we would like to see from our contributors. Journals have moved away from publication of small research notes, so we hope that the End Notes of *Network Science* can fill that gap. Again, your submissions are encouraged.

The future

We plan to publish Special Sections on particular topics in future issues (see the announcement in this issue for a Special Section on Networks in Space and in Time: Methods and Applications). And, we are very open to invited papers or reviews, along with discussions.

Please let us know if you have suggestions for our journal. Thank you!