



Happy Anniversary, AAAI and *AI Magazine!*

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The year 2005 marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of the American Association for Artificial Intelligence. This special issue celebrates the anniversary by presenting perspectives on AAAI's history, on the future of AAAI, and on the past and future of artificial intelligence. It highlights the many voices contributing to AAAI by featuring personal remembrances and visions from many people, including founders of AAAI, presidents who guided the society's development, and others spurring on AI research and applications. While a single issue can only scratch the surface, this special issue clearly illustrates the spirit, accomplishment, and optimism that will drive the next 25 years.

It is fitting for *AI Magazine* to present such a commemoration: 2005 is the twenty-fifth anniversary of the magazine as well. From the beginning, *AI Magazine* has brought the AI community together to share ideas and advances and to introduce newcomers to the challenges and accomplishments of the field. With circulation that is roughly one quarter international, the magazine serves a world-wide audience.

On this twenty-fifth anniversary, I would like to give special thanks to the authors whose wonderful contributions made the anniversary issue possible, and to the many people who have helped the magazine to flourish over the years. *AI Magazine* was shaped by past editors Alan Thompson, Bob Engelmores, Ramesh Patil, Elaine Rich, and Jude Shavlik, and was guided by managing editors Lou Robinson, Claudia Mazzetti, Ellie Engelmores, and Mike Hamilton, with Mike Hamilton's role spanning multiple editorships and continuing today. Many others have played important roles as area editors and columnists, and as members of the magazine's staff. The support of the AAAI Executive Council, the AAAI Publications Committee, and AAAI Executive Director Carol Hamilton has provided *AI Magazine's* foundation. The content of the *AI Magazine* of today depends on the vital ongoing contributions of Bob Morris, the Reports Editor, the Editorial Board members and reviewers, and Jon Glick, columnist for "AI in the News." Most of all, I would like to thank the authors who submit to the magazine and the magazine's readers.

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