

# From the Editor's Desk...

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## Points of View

I have received some remarks from readers on the great diversity of opinion expressed in some the articles in *Journal of System Safety*. We encourage the freedom of expression (within reason) and look for a variety of authors for the *Journal* in the hope that this will stimulate discussion and progress in the field of system safety engineering. It should be noted, however, that the views expressed do not necessarily reflect the views of the International System Safety Society as is seen in the editorial disclaimer on page one.

- The first technical paper in this issue, “Overview of the 2nd Edition of ISO 26262: Functional Safety — Road Vehicles” by Dr. Rami Debouk, describes ISO 26262, which has been the *de facto* standard for functional safety in the automotive electronics domain since the release of its first edition in 2011.
- The second technical paper, “Cost, Schedule, and Safety Benefits of Early System Safety Involvement” is by John E. Hewitt and Daniel J. Foito, and addresses the relationships of cost, schedule and safety activity on developmental programs.

- In the third technical paper, “Programmable Logic Device (PLD) Safety Design Approach,” Martin Chizek establishes a process that assures PLDs in products and systems are developed and tested to a level of rigor commensurate with the safety risk of the specified application, including fuze and non-fuze safety systems.
- In his “Design-Based Safety” column, David MacCollum discusses concepts that might provide more insight into the design of complex systems.
- The “TBD” column by Charlie Hoes discusses the potential benefits of “promoting the importance of our profession.”
- The “System Safety in Healthcare column” by Dev Raheja and Dr. Maria C. Escano discusses human error in medical systems and ways that the errors can be mitigated.

As usual, I welcome your comments, letters to the editor and article submissions.

Regards,  
Chuck