

## Editorial

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Last year heralded some major changes to AJIS and I begin this Editorial by reviewing their impact.

The move to wholly on-line publication on an annual basis has been well received, especially the move to progressive publishing of individual articles immediately on completion of their copyediting, rather than waiting for a six monthly issue. The dramatic reduction in the days to publication (Table 1) makes the benefit of progressive publishing very clear.

During 2015, the changes to some other areas, such as presentation of articles and indexing of articles also began to be felt.

Eight general research articles were published in 2015, plus special sections on

- Business analytics
- Indigenous use of Information and Communication Technologies
- Small and Medium Sized Enterprises; and
- Selected papers from ACIS

One very innovative section introduced last year is the Post-Publication Review (PPR) section. Two contributions to the PPR section have been published. This section has been well received by authors and external commentators, and will remain a feature of AJIS for the present.

A substantial growth in readership has also been experienced (Table 2). The more effective indexing of AJIS articles lead to a five-fold increase in the number of article downloads, with the biggest increase in readership coming from the USA.

A significant contributor to this increase is the better leverage of indexing systems. AJIS is now fully integrated into the Digital Object Identifier (DOI) system, and DOI errors have all but disappeared. Article metadata is also uploaded and maintained on the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ). This greater visibility of our articles has completely changed our referral profile. Instead of most referrals coming from DOAJ, referrals are now dominated by Google Scholar. We look forward to a growth in citations to match the increase in article discovery.

AJIS is also active on Twitter. While relatively new, this is growing as a means of keeping the wider community aware of our activities. We also have an RSS/ATOM feed, which can be integrated into your email clients or other similar software to provide real time information on publication or articles.

AJIS is now integrated into the ORCID system. ORCID is an open, non-profit, community-driven effort to create and maintain a registry of unique researcher identifiers and a transparent method of linking research activities and outputs to these identifiers. ORCID is unique in its ability to reach across disciplines, research sectors and national boundaries. It is a hub that connects researchers and research through the embedding of ORCID identifiers in key workflows, such as research profile maintenance, manuscript submissions, grant applications, and patent applications.

I strongly recommend that you update your AJIS registration to include your ORCID profile (see <http://orcid.org/> ) so that this registration system is automatically updated when an article is published.

The five most popular articles in 2015 were:

Mathrani, S., & Viehland, D. (2009). *Business Benefits from Enterprise Systems Implementation in Small and Medium-sized Enterprises*. (567 downloads)

Lin, A., & Parinyavuttichai, N. (2015). *IS Project Management and Risk Escalation: Towards A Dynamic Model*. (380 downloads)

Lauer, T., & Tanniru, M. (2001). *Knowledge Management Audit - a methodology and case study*. (348 downloads)

Baskarada, S., & Koronios, A. (2013). *Data, Information, Knowledge, Wisdom (DIKW): A Semiotic Theoretical and Empirical Exploration of the Hierarchy and its Quality Dimension*. (308 downloads)

Kendall, J., & Kendall, K. (2012). *Storytelling as a Qualitative Method for IS Research: Heralding the Heroic and Echoing the Mythic*. (281 downloads)

In December, Thomson-Reuter contacted AJIS to say that they were now indexing our content. This decision was taken without an approach by AJIS, which is a very positive development.

All of this activity indicates a strong move to the mainstream by AJIS, and it is to be hoped that this continues and consolidates.

This coming year should be a year of consolidation, and fine tuning our existing procedures.

I already have received a number of proposals for special sections, and, very pleasingly some of these are repeats.

Please remember though, that AJIS is Australasian from two perspectives – publishing research by Australasian researchers and research with a distinctive Australasian focus. AJIS is ranked “A” by both the Australian Council of Professors and Heads of Information Systems and by the Australian Business Deans Council. It is an excellent outlet for your research.

This work has been guided by an Advisory Board drawn from the Australasian Association for Information Systems, the Australian Council of Professors and Heads of Information Systems and the Professors and Heads of Information Systems, New Zealand (Table 3). Their advice has been invaluable.

I would also like to thank all those who have donated their time to reviewing and to managing the review process on AJIS submissions. This activity is at the core of producing an academic journal. It is indispensable work, without which AJIS would fail.

The year ahead is full of potential – the rest is up to you.

## Tables

	2013	2014	2015
Submissions	78	183	141
Rejections	61%	78%	*
Review Duration	142 days	129 days	106 days
Days to Publication	377 days	344 days	128 days

\* The small number of finalised papers received in 2015 makes this measure unreliable at this time.

Table 1: AJIS processing statistics 2013-5

Geographic Distribution	
Country	Sessions
 Australia	9,272
 United States	6,061
 India	2,102
 United Kingdom	1,965
 Malaysia	1,743
 Indonesia	1,195
 Germany	1,053
(not set)	1,025
 Canada	768
 New Zealand	586

Table 2: AJIS geographic distribution of contacts

### AAIS

Deborah Bunker, University of Sydney  
Don Kerr, University of the Sunshine Coast

### ACPHIS

Caroline Chan, RMIT University  
Glenn Stewart, Queensland University of Technology

### PHISNZ

Annette Mills, University of Canterbury  
Felix Tan, Auckland University of Technology

Table 3: AJIS Advisory Board

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