AJIS EDITORIAL

AJIS publishes high quality contributions to theory and practice in the global Information Systems discipline. While research is global, AJIS contributions should have an emphasis on the Australasian context of the work. The journal welcomes papers on research and conceptual development based in a very wide range of inquiry methods, ways of thinking and modes of expression. Over half of the submissions to AJIS in the last 6 months were declined as they do not explicitly contribute to the development of the discipline. AJIS is an academic journal that has adopted a double blind refereeing process. Submissions need to make scholarly and/or research contributions.

The issue publishes eight regular articles dealing with a variety of topics ranging from Governance, Green Readiness, Software Appropriation, ERP Implementation, Women Cotton Growers Involvement in Cotton Farming Systems, Innovation Adoption, and the Attribution of Website Flaws. Finally, aspects of the newly introduced Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) initiative are discussed, including key drivers for the ranking of journals under ERA. Recommendations are made to support the discipline and help ensure that appropriate ranking of Information System journals is pursued by the community.

This issue of the Journal contains a Featured Theme on IT and Climate Change, edited by Helen Hasan, Aditya Ghose, and Trevor Spedding. The IT and Climate Change feature is introduced by a short editorial that introduces and positions the work. Thanks also go to the theme editors for their hard work, and also to the authors whose contributions are much appreciated.

I wish to foreshadow some major changes in the structure and administration of the Journal. Many journals adopt a broader structure than is currently adopted by AJIS. If the Journal is to expand and improve its quality and ranking, it needs to adopt a more flexible and nimbler structure similar to that of ISR, MISQ, and other high quality journals in the Information Systems discipline. Such a structure utilises Senior Editors who manage the submission process for areas in which they have expertise. This has the effect of being able to better select reviewers, and spread the work of reviewing and managing submissions. Such a structure will also help the Journal in seeking to improve its ranking in ERA.

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