Editorial

This fourth issue of volume 11 of the European Journal of Information Systems (EJIS) completes our first three years as editors of the journal. In our first editorial, volume 9, number 1, we set out three expectations.

The first was to increase the number of papers published each year, possibly moving to six issues a year. In fact, we have published the same number of papers each year, while initially concentrating on getting the journal back to its publication schedule, and later building up a necessary reserve to ensure the schedule is kept to. The situation is that we are now able to move, and will shortly consider moving, to six issues a year, while the quality of the journal papers continues to improve.

The second was to produce more issues or parts of issues tied to international conferences. We have so far published one such special issue each year, and we have special issues lined up for the next two years. Six issues a year would allow more scope for conference-based special issues as Information Systems expands in general.

The third was for EJIS to become a forum for intellectual debate, with review articles, provocative pieces and published rejoinders. So far we have not met this expectation, even though one of us attempted a provocative paper in this volume’s issue number 2. We hope to realize this expectation next year with your help!

This issue of the journal carries mainstream Information System themes in its papers. The first two papers (Wilson and Howcroft, and McGrath) look at failures in Information Systems and how social factors influence the concept of failure. The third and fourth papers (Levy et al, and Cragg) look at small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), in particular knowledge sharing and IT benchmarking. The final paper (Brown et al) compares differences in users intentions to adopt new technology between environments where adoption is voluntary with environments where the technology is mandated.

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