

Editorial Notes

In this first issue of the fourth volume of the Journal of Theoretical and Applied Electronic Commerce Research (JTAER), we would like to discuss the development of the journal and highlight some of the achievements obtained in the last three years:

Inclusion in the Scientific Electronic Library Online (SciELO) and in the Network of Scientific Journals of Latin America and the Caribbean, Spain, and Portugal (RedALyC)

In the editorial notes of the previous issue we discussed how important it was for the economic and social development of every country in the world to provide access to appropriate and up-to-date scientific and technical information. As we mentioned in the same issue, to make sure that the contents of the Journal of Theoretical and Applied Electronic Commerce Research reach a broader section of the Iberoamerican research community, we applied to be included in the Scientific Electronic Library Online (Site 1) and in the Network of Scientific Journals of Latin America and the Caribbean, Spain and Portugal (Site 2). We now have the pleasure to announce that after an exhaustive evaluation (quality of scientific content; review process, peer review policies; quality and internationalization of editorial board; frequency of publication; lifetime; timeliness of publication; standardization; information about authors, etc.), the Journal of Theoretical and Applied Electronic Commerce Research has been accepted as a journal of these libraries and it is already part of them.

Citations are increasing

The number of citations to papers in a particular journal might not directly measure the true quality of a journal. However, it is one of the important success indicators for a journal. Papers published by the journal must be cited by other authors, showing that the published research is relevant to them and their research community. The first years of life of a journal are difficult since it is not known around the research community. Our strategy to reach the research community has been the inclusion of the Journal of Theoretical and Applied Electronic Commerce Research in those abstract databases and website libraries that are important for the electronic commerce research groups from a business and technological perspective. That is why the Journal of Theoretical and Applied Electronic Commerce Research has been included in CSA, EBSCO, INSPEC, SCOPUS, PROQUEST, SciELO, DBLP, ACM Portal, DIALNET, DOAJ and the index of Information Systems journals. We have currently tested the journal citations by using Google Scholar. These results show that the number of general citations of JTAER publications is currently and continuously improving. From a total of nine issues (April 2006 to December 2009) and sixty-seven research publications plus the editorial notes, we have sixty-five citations. We must make clear that these citations include all type of articles and documents, such as books, journal and conference papers, and others.

Publications and Special Issues

In these three years (2006-2008) we have published 67 papers from 185 submissions that were received. Thirty-six percent of the papers that were submitted to be considered for publication were actually published. Forty-five percent of these papers was submitted to special issues (i.e. Mobile Commerce; RFID and Supply Chain Management; Electronic Document Interoperability in eBusiness and eGovernment Applications). To organize these special issues we had the contribution of well-known e-Commerce researchers from countries such Germany, USA, Australia, and Turkey.

Authors and reviewers from different countries

The Journal of Theoretical and Applied Electronic Commerce Research has reached researchers from a variety of countries around the world. In these three years we have published 67 papers from 158 authors from 25 different countries. 39.87% of these authors were from Europe, 29.11% from Oceania, 17.72% from North America, 10.76% from Asia and 2.53% from South America (see Figure 1).

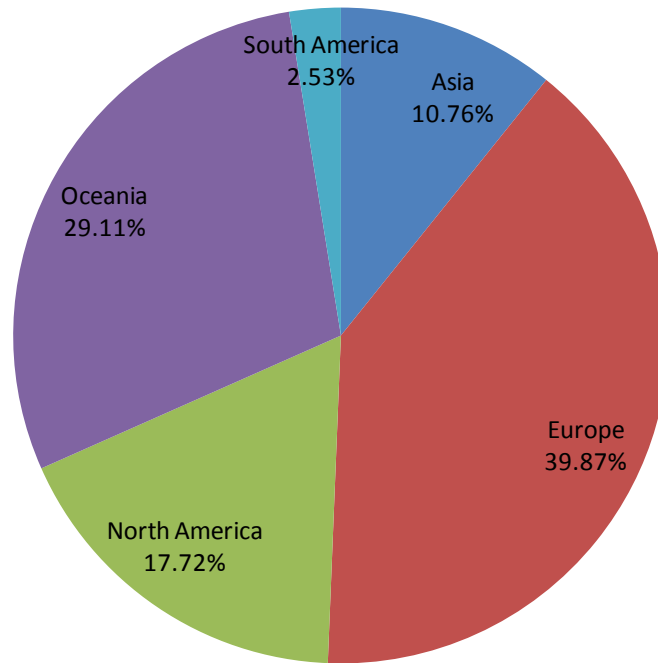


Figure 1: Authors per continent

In these three years we have had also the collaboration of 173 reviewers from 37 different countries. 47.40% of the reviewers were from Europe, 18.50% from Oceania, 13.87% from Asia, 10.40% from South America and 9.83% from North America (see Figure 2). In the reviewing process of 2006 we had 68 reviewers; in 2007 we had 74 reviewers and in 2008 we had 93.

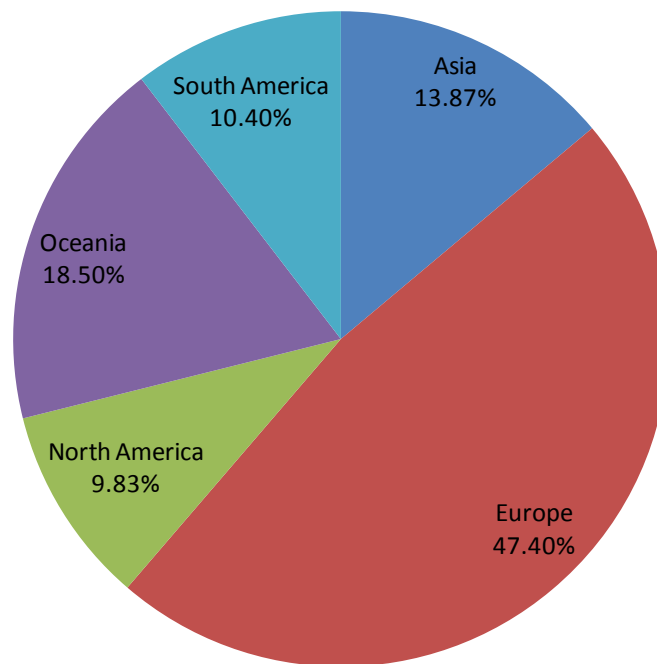


Figure 2: Reviewers per continent

Variety of research topics

The papers published in the Journal of Theoretical and Applied Electronic Commerce Research are from a great variety of topics. We had three special issues which were devoted to different topics of Mobile Commerce, Radio

Frequency Identification (RFID) and Supply Chain Management, and Electronic Document Interoperability in eBusiness and eGovernment Applications. The other issues of the Journal of Theoretical and Applied Electronic Commerce Research have included research papers on topics such as: Business-to-Business Electronic Commerce, Small- and Medium-sized Enterprises, Business Modeling, Business Scenarios, Business/IT-Alignment, Logistics, Supply Chain Management, Assets Management, Internet Banking, e-Democracy, e-Government, Mobile Commerce, Mobile Marketing, Electronic Payment, Mobile Payment System, e-Maintenance, Biometrics, Electronic Commerce Agents, Information Goods, Electronic Markets, Collaborative systems, E-learning, e-Security, e-Courts, e-Tourism, Quality of Service Measurement and Prediction, Technology Acceptance and Adoption, Teleworking, and Social Networking among others.

Best Reviewers of the Year 2008

I am pleased to announce that the Journal of Theoretical and Applied Electronic Commerce Research's Best Reviewers for 2008 are:

- Dr. Tobias Mettler of the Competence Center Health Network Engineering, Institute of Information Management, University of St. Gallen, Switzerland.
- Dr. John Mo of the Department of Manufacturing and Materials Engineering, School of Aerospace, Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering, RMIT University, Australia.
- Dr. Trung Pham of the School of Business Informatics Engineering, Faculty of Business Sciences, University of Talca, Chile.
- Dr. Thomas Varsamidis of the Software Development Department, IT Division, Interamerican SA, Greece.

These four collaborators have frequently served the Journal of Theoretical and Applied Electronic Commerce Research in the reviewing capacity, and the Editor-in-Chief and Co-Editors have regarded their reviews as outstanding. The criteria used to select them as the best reviewers of year 2008 were: the presentation and clarity; relevance; accuracy; and consistency of the feedback provided to authors.

On behalf of the Journal of Theoretical and Applied Electronic Commerce Research, I would like to extend to Tobias, John, Trung, and Thomas our congratulations on their achievement and our thanks for the contributions they have made to our review processes. We would like to give special congratulations to Thomas, who has obtained the best reviewer award for two years in a row.

Websites List

Site 1: Scientific Electronic Library Online (SciELO)

<http://www.scielo.cl>

Site 2: Network of Scientific Journals of Latin America and the Caribbean, Spain and Portugal (RedALyC)

<http://redalyc.uaemex.mx>

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