

Editorial

This issue completes the second year (Volume 2) of the *Journal of Theoretical and Applied Electronic Commerce Research*. In these two years our journal has been indexed and abstracted in well-known databases and important sites such as:

- Cambridge Scientific Abstract (CSA)
- EBSCO
- INSPEC
- SCOPUS
- ACM Portal
- PROQUEST
- DIALNET (<http://dialnet.unirioja.es>)
- Directory of Open Access Journals (<http://www.doaj.org>)
- Latindex Directory (<http://www.latindex.org>)
- The Index of Information Systems Journals (<http://lamp.infosys.deakin.edu.au/journals/>)

We have met most of the goals set two years ago at the time of creation regarding the quality of publications. However, we have yet to complete our online submission software platform, which we are still developing. We have given greater priority to those issues which pertain to the quality development and growth of the journal with the aim of striving to new heights. We now pride ourselves in having hundreds of reviewers from more than thirty different countries. In the first two years we have published forty-two papers from sixteen different countries with the participation of eighty-nine authors. We organized and published one special issue on Mobile Commerce, which was guest edited by two well-known m-commerce researchers, Axel Küpper and Jerry Gao.

We are very pleased with the quality of content and presentation of the six issues from our first two volumes, as we have achieved the goals we set for the journal. The next sections will present the reviewer of the year for 2006; thank retiring editorial board members, thank our editorial board and reviewers for their valuable contribution; give a glimpse to the forthcoming special issues, and remember the late Bob Roberts, one of our editorial board members, who suddenly and sadly left us.

Reviewer of the Year for 2006

I am pleased to announce that the *Journal of Theoretical and Applied Electronic Commerce Research's* Reviewer of the Year for 2006 is Dr. Carla Wilkin of the Department of Accounting and Finance, Faculty of Business and Economics, Monash University, Australia. Carla has been a frequent reviewer for the JTAER, and the Editor-in-Chief and Co-Editors alike have regarded her reviews as outstanding. On behalf of the journal, I would like to extend to Carla Wilkin our congratulations on her achievement and our thanks for the contributions she has made to our review process.

Retiring Editorial Board Members

The *Journal of Theoretical and Applied Electronic Commerce Research* has benefited considerably from the services of three outstanding editorial board members who are retiring this year: Manuel de Jesús Mendes (Universidade Católica de Santos, Brazil), Roland Traunmüller (University of Linz, Austria), and Claudia Engel (Stanford University, USA). Manuel and Roland are retiring from academic life after many successful years of teaching and researching. We wish them all the best in their new life. Claudia is resigning in order to devote more time to her new activities at Stanford University. We wish her the best as she assumes her new responsibilities. New members will take their roles in the new Editorial Board starting in January 2008 and their names and affiliation will be communicated in the issue of April 2008.

Thanking the Editorial Board and Reviewers

The members of the Editorial Board had an active participation in our first two years of the journal. They contributed by suggesting good quality reviewers, setting up the journal's policies, abiding by quality standards, attracting quality research, organizing special issues, and in the diffusion of the journal. We are very grateful for their valuable participation and collaboration, and we thank all of them.

Reviewers are extremely important not only to the quality of articles published in the *Journal of Theoretical and Applied Electronic Commerce Research*, but also to the electronic commerce discipline. We have given the reviewer of the year award to recognize that reviewer who has worked so hard and professionally to help authors improve their manuscripts in different aspects. We appreciate the efforts of the many other reviewers who have also provided the timely and insightful reviews that have helped the *Journal of Theoretical and Applied Electronic Commerce Research* to publish the high-quality articles for which we want to be continually known for in the future.

Special Issue on RFID and Supply Chain Management

For 2008 we have accepted two new special issues on the following themes:

1. RFID and Supply Chain Management;
2. Electronic Document Interoperability in eBusiness and eGovernment Applications.

The first one will appear in April 2008 and be guest edited by Rajit Gadh (University of California, USA), Tim Coltman (University of Wollongong, Australia), and Katina Michael (University of Wollongong, Australia), and the second special issue will be published in December 2008 and guest edited by Asuman Dogac (Middle East Technical University, Turkey) and Tim McGrath, (OASIS UBL TC Chair, Australia).

Since the Call for Papers (CFP) for the December issue is still open, we invite you to access the CFP for this special issue from the journal's website and distribute it among your colleagues and the e-commerce research community.

In Memoriam *(written by Adomas Svirkas)*

Dr Bob Roberts BSc (Hons), Msc, PhD, Reader, was the leader of the e-commerce group at CARIS and course director of the MSc in E-Commerce at Kingston University. After graduating from the London School of Economics, he worked in IS/IT consultancy for BT and then General Electric Information Services supporting their EDI services in Europe. His PhD research focused on a methodology for implementing e-commerce to support business-to-business collaborative relationships. Since joining Kingston University research interests have focused on the use of electronic commerce to support information sharing between trading partners and the design implications of integrating electronic commerce capabilities into existing information systems, including supply chain management systems.

Bob's recent research and consultancy activities covered a range of e-commerce projects in the telecoms, health, construction and electronic sectors. This included, amongst others, DTI funded projects for researching the use of electronic commerce by SMEs as well as the EU funded LAURA and PANDA projects. Other external e-commerce related activities include being a member of TradeUK (DTI) Best Practice Working Party on Electronic Commerce and Internet Marketing and also member of the Internet Working Group of the Centre for Study of Financial Innovation. He was one of the originators of the Situation Room Analysis© methodology for use in multi-party collaborative decision-making activities.

Bob was a very inspiring leader and true academic, his ability to guide research of others allowed many of his colleagues to realise their potential and achieve the best results. He was a very kind person with a unique sense of humour, a great friend and a dependable associate. Bob's numerous friends, colleagues and students will often remember his encouraging words and charming smile. Bob was a valuable member of the editorial board of JTAER. Our condolences are extended to his family, friends, colleagues and students.

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