

Editorial

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The pattern is now being established where the last issue of the year does not reflect a particular meeting of the AIT, simply because there isn't one during the summer months.

This, however, gives us an opportunity to publish a wide-ranging set of materials which, despite the lack of a theme, we hope make interesting reading. Nevertheless, there is a mini-theme appearing in this issue – the question of the effect of innovation. Peter Monk contends that many of the classical ways of assessing the economics of production break down when *information* is a large part of that which is being produced. Amin Rajan, on the other hand, takes a closer look at some case studies that reveal the changes that have taken place in the workplace as a result of

innovational developments. Our own state-of-the-art report also handles case studies of organizations that have been influenced by innovation: electronic publishing in this particular instance.

There are many 'Personal Views' in this issue. They range from Nathan Haynes' comments on investments in the motor car industry, to the more philosophical aspects of what could be meant by 'pure' information as seen by David Henley. It may be worth our saying something about the category of publication we call a 'Personal View'. In contrast with our proceedings and full papers, personal views tend to be more speculative, but nevertheless add to the debate about the potential and nature of information technology.