Editorial

The Journal is going to have a highly interesting 1999 with a number of additions to the Editorial Board underway and some innovative quarterly issues. One issue will be devoted entirely to Teaching Cases. There are eight such cases fully developed from submissions to the new Teaching Case Track at the International Conference in Information Systems in Helsinki in December 1999. The Editors are Chris Sauer and Leslie Willcocks who were Co-Chairs for the ICIS track. The ICIS submissions were synopses only and were designed to support the presentation of the cases at the conference. The *JIT* issue will consist of fully developed versions of these cases. The teaching cases have been heavily reviewed and have been selected from 28 original submissions. Teaching notes will also be available from the authors. Our belief is that the issue will help to feed the continuing demand for up-to-date and relevant cases, and our hope is that making them available in this form will give the cases wide availability.

A second *JIT* issue will consist of eight papers developed after further refereeing from the best submissions to the European Conference in Information Systems June 1998 held in Aix-en-Provence. The ECIS Programme Committee unanimously supported a *JIT* proposal that this should be an annual event, with a different leading IS journal developing and publishing the

papers each year, thus making the material available to a wider audience and in a more developed form. This issue will be edited by Hubert Oesterle, Giorgios Doukidis and Leslie Willcocks who oversaw the research, case research and research in progress tracks at the Aix conference.

A third *JIT* issue in 1999 will focus on Electronic Commerce and the Editors will be Troy Strader and Leslie Willcocks. The Call for Papers for this issue has been available for some time and is also posted on the ISWorld website. Submissions – to the Editor-in-Chief in the first instance – are still welcome. In addition in 1999 we will be publishing a range of papers received outside these Special Issues. More immediately we have in this issue a special collection of papers edited by Michael Myers and Geoff Walsham on the theme of Interpretive Research in Information Systems. The Journal has encouraged and is supporting this theme issue in order to signal strongly its appreciation for all research that has been rigorously carried out and that deepens our understanding in the IS field. We look forward to further submissions from interpretive researchers, and indeed will be publishing several more papers in this tradition later in 1999.

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