Editorial

We are pleased to introduce the second Theme Issue since we took over the Editorship of the journal in mid-1989. The theme of human resource and organizational issues has become a very topical one and such issues have been a major focus of attention in a range of recent research reports, surveys, books and publications, as detailed in the Introduction following this Editorial. The theme attracted a wide range of contributors and papers, not all of which can be published in this issue. It is hoped to find space for those omitted in future editions of the journal. Readers often comment favourably on the theme format, and we are anxious to respond to this by publishing further theme issues over the next year. Any suggestions for what themes might be pursued are always welcome.

We have been asked to draw our readers' attention to two forthcoming events. The first is the 5th International Conference on Human Computer Interaction (HCI International '93) which is to be held at the Hilton at Walt Disney World Village, Orlando, Florida between 8-13th August 1993. Further information may be obtained from Dr Gavriel Salvendy, Grissom Hall, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN 47907, USA. The second is the International Conference on Information-Decision-Action Systems in Complex Organizations being held at the University of Oxford, UK from 6-8th April 1992. This latter conference is being run by the Institute of Electrical Engineers, and has among its sponsors the Association for Information Technology. For further information and a copy of the 'call for papers' please contact the Conference Services, IEE, Savoy Place, London WC2R 0BL, UK.

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The AIT had its Annual General Meeting on 5 June at City University Business School, London. This was followed by a highly interesting presentation by Dr Coulson-Thomas entitled 'Creating a Networked Organization'. For those who could not attend, the paper by Colin in this issue on IT Directors and Strategy includes some of the substance of the lecture, though nothing of course of the stimulating discussion that followed it.

The AIT Conference 'Information System Teaching - Improving the Practice' held 3-5th April 1991 at Sunningdale, UK was reported in the June issue, Volume 6 No. 2, and attracted a large number of papers dealing with theory, research, teaching and Information Systems practice. Two papers - one by Rodger Jamieson the other by Clare Tagg and Ian Oram - appear in this issue as contributions to developing Strategy for Information Systems teaching. It is hoped to publish some of these papers as proceedings in the journal in the near future, but obviously space is limited. Meanwhile, whether or not you are a member of the AIT, there are still a limited number of copies of all the proceedings of the conference available from the Editorial Office of the journal, priced at £20 per copy (inclusive of postage and packing).

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