

This is the second issue of volume 11 of the Australasian Journal of Information Systems. Recently, through the assistance of Edith Cowan University we conducted a 'recruitment drive' for new consulting editors. These new editors have been listed (I hope I didn't miss anyone who volunteered). I would like to thank the respondent editors for their kind offers to work with the journal.

Our first paper is entitled 'Success Factors and Measures for Public Sector IS/IT Co-Sourcing Contracts' and is presented by Erhan Edguer and Graham Pervan from Curtin University of Technology. This paper explores the effectiveness of contract negotiations between buyers and suppliers in small government organizations, which collectively outsource their IS/IT activities to a single outsourcing vendor, usually referred to as 'co-sourcing'.

Our next paper is presented by Peter Marshall from Mt Eliza Business School and Judy McKay from Monash University and is entitled 'Strategic IT Planning, Evaluation and Benefits Management: The Basis for Effective IT Governance'. This paper reports on the results of an empirical study into the integration of strategic information systems planning and business-IT alignment, IT evaluation, and the proactive management of business benefits in large organisations, and to consider the linkages evident between these processes.

Alan Pleslak, from Penn State University presents our next paper entitled 'A Firm Level Study of Information Technology Productivity in Europe Using Financial and Market Based Measures'. This paper investigates information technology productivity with a new data set from a European published source, and measuring productivity using both market and financial based measures.

Our next paper is presented by Aileen Cater-Steel and Shelly Grist from USQ. The paper is entitled 'Steps to Internet Adoption Success: A Study of Four Small Regional Organisations'. This paper describes the steps taken by four small regional organisations to establish web sites and enter into e-commerce. This paper suggests that when adopting internet technologies, small organisations needs to focus on sound business objectives, plan for an evolutionary approach, and recognise the value of adapting a traditional systems development life cycle approach to web site development.

Jo Rhodes presents our next paper entitled 'South African Rural ICT Implementation: A Critical Retrospective Application of Latour's Due Process Model'. This paper examines a specific technology implementation – a South African government sponsored telecentre- using Latour's Due Process model, an analytical tool grounded in Actor-Network Theory, where technology implementation is viewed as a symmetrical treatment of technology and society within a single collective.

Limbie Kelegai and Michael Middleton from Queensland University of Technology present the next paper entitled 'Factors Influencing Information Systems Success in Papua New Guinea Organisations: A Case Analysis. This paper examines factors that have affected IS implementation in two PNG organisations.

Our next paper is entitled 'Community Sector Organisations: A Digital Divide in Communication and Knowledge Creation' and is presented by Tom Denison from Monash University. This paper provides an in-depth analysis of the data obtained in that survey, setting the results in the context of research undertaken by Zook (2001), Castells (2001) and Adamic (2001), who consider that not only is the Internet a natural fit with "winner-take-all" markets but reinforces existing patterns of geographic centralisation in the information society and economy.

Our final paper is entitled 'Adoption of Online Purchasing in Communities, and its Socio-Economic Implications in Regional Central Queensland' and is presented by W. Taylor, G Zhu, J Dekkers and S Marshall from Central Queensland University. This paper analyses the general trends of online purchasing in Central Queensland (CQ) communities during 1999-2002 and identifies the socio-economic factors affecting online purchasing activities.