Editorial

By now I imagine many of you have noticed that the masthead announces this is issue 18(3) of AJIS and are wondering what this is all about, as there has never been a third issue of any volume of AJIS. This issue represents a major transition for AJIS and heralds some major changes, which should significantly improve the service it delivers to the information systems community.

I also wonder how many of you have wondered at the irony of us, as researchers in information systems, who have oftened trumpeted the fact that information technology produces disruptive rather than incremental change, have ourselves done little more than placing AJIS on-line and adopting open access. We still release multiple articles in batches at six monthly intervals, we still have a print run for our subscribers, despite the fact that the number of subscriptions has fallen to a single digit number of institutions, and there are no individual subscribers.

Next year AJIS will be released as a single volume per year. To make this a sane exercise, we have published this issue as 18(3), so that the change in volume numbers aligns with the change in years. Those, however, are probably the most minor changes. The intent of these two changes is to allow progressive publication of articles. There are a huge number of arguments in favour of publishing articles as soon as they have been accepted and edited: maintaining the currency of the research; avoiding articles languishing six months in the "out basket" for no good reason; appeasing our managers who want fast throughput for assessment exercises, both of us and the Schools they manage.

From January 2015, general research articles and research notes will be published as soon as they are accepted and edited. Themed sections will be published as soon as all their papers have been accepted and edited. This synchronising will be the last vestige of batch publishing in AJIS.

This issue contains a varied range of articles, which is as it should be, given the diverse nature of oiur academic community. It also contains selected papers from ACIS 2013. These papers represent much of the best work which was presented, and I look forward to ACIS 2014 next month and publishing selected papers from that conference.

I have been approached regarding future themed sections by a number of people, and interest in managing themed sections is growing. Future themes include:

- Selected papers from the Foundations of Information Systems conference
- Small and medium sized enterprises
- Business analytics
- Indigenous information systems
- Security issues in social media/networking
- Intelligent decision making in information technology
- The economic and societal impacts of broadband adoption in rural and regional communities
- Design research for decision support systems development

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