Annual Report

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AJIS has continued to grow and develop in 2017.

Fourteen general research articles appeared, and a further 46 in the following special sections (Table 1) on research areas and enhanced conference papers:

Special Section	Papers
Research on Applied Ethics Involving Emerging ICT Technologies	4
Research on Health Information Systems	8
Research on Indigenous use of Information and Communication Technologies	10
Selected Papers from the Australasian Conference on Data Mining (AusDM)	9
Selected Papers from the Australasian Conference on Information Systems (ACIS)	5

Table 1: Special sections published in 2017

One of the highlights of the year was recognition of the significance of the special section on Indigenous use of Information and Communication Technologies by the University of Southern California's Centre on Public Diplomacy (Fig 1)

Figure 1: http://uscpublicdiplomacy.org/story/indigenous-peoples-digital-diplomacy

The traditional measures of journal reputation have also improved this year with the AJIS h-index jumping three points to 35.

AJIS readership continues to improve (Fig 2), and special note must be made of the increasing readership in Southern Asia, up 72.2%, and Northern America, up 41.3%.
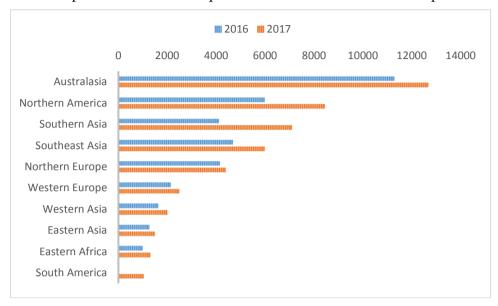

Figure 2: AJIS Regional Readership

In 2017 182 papers were submitted, up 18% on 2016. This continues to place a significant demand on Section Editors and Reviewers, without whom AJIS could not function. Their input, as always is vital, and very much appreciated.

To assist with recruitment of reviewers I presented a workshop at the 2017 Australasian Conference on Information Systems (ACIS) Doctoral Consortium on journal publication, the reviewing process, and the benefits to PhD students, in particular, of participating in this activity. Part of the session involved the students assessing several anonymised submissions as if they were reviewers. As well as getting a better understanding of the process, students got to see papers as they were submitted, rather than as they would appear. The session was very well received, and I have been asked to run it again at the ACIS 2018 DC.

The five most popular AJIS articles in 2017 were:

Baskarada, S., & Koronios, A. (2013). Data, Information, Knowledge, Wisdom (DIKW): A Semiotic Theoretical and Empirical Exploration of the Hierarchy and its Quality Dimension. *Australasian Journal of Information Systems, 18*(1). doi: http://dx.doi.org/10.3127/ajis.v18i1.748

Parkes, A. (2000). Is a Picture Worth a Thousand Words? The Use of Non-Text Items in Information Systems Research. *Australasian Journal of Information Systems, 8*(1). doi: http://dx.doi.org/10.3127/ajis.v8i1.258

Pham, H., Pham, D., Brennan, L., & Richardson, J. (2017). Information Security and People: A Conundrum for Compliance. *Australasian Journal of Information Systems, 21*. doi: http://dx.doi.org/10.3127/ajis.v21i0.1321

Seddon, P., & Kiew, M. (1996). A Partial Test and Development of Delone and Mclean's Model of IS Success. *Australasian Journal of Information Systems*, *4*(1). doi: http://dx.doi.org/10.3127/ajis.v4i1.379

Swatman, P. (1994). Business Process Redesign Using EDI: the BHP steel experience. *Australasian Journal of Information Systems*, *1*(2). doi: http://dx.doi.org/10.3127/ajis.v1i2.422

It is very good to see Pham *et al* (2017) in the top five in its year of publication.

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