Preface

“Enterprise Governance of IT” is a relatively new concept in literature, and is gaining more and more interest in the academic and practitioner’s world. “Enterprise governance of IT” is an integral part of enterprise governance exercised by the Board overseeing the definition and implementation of processes, structures and relational mechanisms in the organisation enabling both business and IT people to execute their responsibilities in support of business/IT alignment and the creation of business value from IT-enabled business investments.” As an example of its growing importance, the standardisation organisation, ISO, issued in 2008 a new worldwide ISO standard in this domain.

Within the Antwerp Management School – IT Alignment and Governance (ITAG) Research Institute, we have been executing and stimulating applied research in this domain for many years now. In the context of the ITAG research institute, we also launched in 2010 the International Journal of IT/Business Alignment and Governance (www.igi-global.com/IJITBAG). The mission of the International Journal of IT/Business Alignment and Governance is to advance theory building and practice regarding management and governance issues within the IT-related business domain. This journal emphasizes how organizations enable both businesses and IT people to execute their responsibilities in support of business/IT alignment and the creation of business value from IT enabled investments. This journal distributes leading research that is both academically executed and relevant for practice in the professional IT and business community.

With this manuscript, we want to provide a complete and comprehensive overview of the research published in the 2010 and 2011 in this journal. The target audience for this book is threefold:

• Master students, for whom this book can be used in courses typical on IT strategy, Enterprise Governance of IT, IT management, IT processes, IT and business architecture, IT assurance/audit, information systems management, et cetera.
• Executive students in business schools, for MBA type of courses where IT strategy or IT management modules are addressed.
• Practitioners in the field, both business and IT managers, who are seeking research based fundamentals and practical implementation issues related to it in the domain of Enterprise Governance of IT.
We hope that with this book, we can contribute to further developing the emerging knowledge domain of Enterprise Governance of IT. This book is one of the outcomes of our activities within the Antwerp Management School – ITAG Research Institute.

We do invite the readers to visit our website at www.antwerpmanagementschool.be/ITAG, for more information on our research activities and publications. Also, we welcome reactions on this book or sharing experiences in the domain of Enterprise Governance of IT via steven.dehaes@ua.ac.be and wim.vangrembergen@ua.ac.be.

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