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Green IT and Supply chain sustainability is a business issue affecting an organization’s supply chain in terms of environmental, risk, and waste costs. Green IT and Sustainability in the supply chain is increasingly seen among high-level executives as essential to delivering long-term profitability and has replaced monetary cost, value, and speed as the dominant topic of discussion among purchasing and supply professionals. The six papers in this issue would reflect these ideas directly as well as indirectly.

Though green information and communication technology (ICT) is gradually becoming a buzzword, not much scholarly attention has delved into the motivations that can entice organizations to adopt it to address this issue. In the first paper, Snehasish Banerjee et al proposed a three-tier theoretical framework consisting of management, technological, marketing, financial and regulatory motivations, and acts as an eye-opener for non-green organizations by suggesting that it is their inability to identify these motivations that prevent them from adopting green ICT.

In the second paper, Sanjay Mohapatra identified the factors that will make e-commerce adoption a sustainable one in a developing country like India. Using secondary research, variables that influence decision for e-commerce adoption were determined. Then using primary research, these variables were tested in different SMEs in Odisha, India. Data from 50 organizations were collected using a structured interview process. The results of data analysis using discriminant analysis indicate that Organizational readiness, managerial productivity, external pressure, decision aids, compatibility, and perceived usefulness were factors found are important determinants of adoption.

In the third paper, Rika Ampuh Hadihina designed a DSS for performance assessment of Sustainable supply chain management. There are some elements in designed DSS namely existing achievement, standards, indicators achievement and priority, computation algorithm, and recommendation for improvement. Theoretical contribution of this study is development of relationship between total and partial performance in mathematical formulation. The model that has been presented is still using generic indicators. If the particular company would like to apply model that additional indicators should change the encoding computer program. However, the modification is very easy to perform. DSS structure of this study is still able to accommodate any kind of particular requirement.
In the fourth paper, Tom Page examines the way in which consumers interact with mobile technologies such as smartphones in order to ascertain the effect of these technologies on product markets and consumer lifestyle. Despite challenges present in the current tablet style of smartphones users felt they were able to overcome this by personalisation of the interface. Research through surveys and interviews concludes that both positive and negative aspects have been shown to exist within a new smartphone culture, these are largely reported as positive due to easier availability of information when a smartphone is accessible.

In the fifth paper, Vishnu and Balaswamy proposed a method to estimate the AUC of Binormal ROC model by taking into account the confidence interval of mean and corresponding variances. ROC Curve is the most widely used statistical technique for classifying an individual into one of the two pre-determined groups basing on test result. Area under the curve (AUC) is a measure of accuracy which exhibits the discriminating power of the test with respect to a threshold or cutoff value. In medical diagnosis, this technique has its relevance to study and compare different diagnostic tests. In this paper, a method is proposed to estimate the AUC of Binormal ROC model by taking into account the confidence interval of mean and corresponding variances.

In the last paper, Siddhartha Sengupta described the framework and processes elements for Enterprise Architecture and Engineering. The processes are elaborated, with special emphasis on how the initiatives were prioritized. Author analyzed the business environment for the ‘emerging mega-vendors’ for IT services, examined relevant elements of their SWOT and made a few recommendations for new business models of a higher scientific intensity that leverage the ORMS-based servitizing of successful IT products and offer services that create measurable business value with reliability.

Largely, readers will find this issue of the IJGC very much informative and will get resourceful information from the papers presented to practice.

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