

Dedication

This book is dedicated to Dr. Magid Igbaria, a prolific scholar, a friend and colleague who passed away on August 3, 2002, after a long battle with cancer. He was 44 years old. Magid died two months after we had sat down over two weekends, reviewed the chapter proposals, and invited qualifying authors to send chapters that fit the theme of the book. As can be attested by those who had the opportunity to work with Magid, he was always a delight to work with. He was an intellectual of unimaginable proportions. A captivating, charming, and somewhat intense and handsome smile always hid his deep and penetrating intellectual qualities. He was among the most distinguished and senior researchers in the field of Information Systems. All of us who worked and completed the work he had started were shocked by his sudden departure. He should remain to us a gentleman and a scholar of the highest respect!