

Editorial Note

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I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the current Editor-in-Chief (EiC) for the *Journal of Organizational and End User Computing (JOEUC)*. My official tenure started in January of 2016, but with publishing cycles and already accepted special issues, this final issue of 2016 is the first chance for an editorial. I have served JOEUC as an ad hoc reviewer, on the Editorial Review Board starting in 2003, and as an Associate Editor from mid-2013 until my appointment as EiC.

As EiC, I will try to uphold the high standards set by my predecessors and strive to make *JOEUC* the premier journal of choice for traditional information systems (IS) and information technology (IT) research. The name of *JOEUC* implies that the research presented in this journal will have implications for management, the practice of IS and IT, or present novel applications of IS and IT. I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to my immediate predecessor, Dr. Tanya J. McGill for her dedication to *JOEUC*. Her hard work has helped to increase *JOEUC*'s impact factor. I would also like to thank M. Adam Mahmood who was the EiC when I first started publishing in and reviewing for *JOEUC*.

An A journal is not only dependent on quality manuscripts submitted by authors, but also on the hard work of the reviewers in identifying publishable manuscripts and also in helping these manuscripts achieve their full potential. In my short time as EiC, I have seen that the review team for *JOEUC* provides some of the best reviews I have ever seen and I truly appreciate the time and dedication of our reviewers. Kudos to all of you and I look forward to working with each of you over the coming years. Of course, the Associate Editors (AEs) also help play a large role in blending together reviews to help authors achieve the maximum potential for their manuscripts. It will be my policy to try and involve the AEs earlier in the process. The AEs also help to promote the journal and increase its readership, which benefits the authors. My thanks to all of our continuing AEs and for new AEs yet to join *JOEUC*.

I strongly encourage all authors thinking of submitting to *JOEUC* to have their manuscripts copy edited prior to submission if English is not their first language (and sometimes even then). All manuscripts submitted will go through a preliminary check to test for readability so as not to tax our reviewers too much in having to wade through numerous grammar and spelling errors to try and decipher the meaning and contribution of a manuscript.

While *JOEUC* does a terrific job of publishing recent and relevant research to the field, one of my goals will be to try and emphasize coverage of IS and IT applications in the domains of healthcare, cybersecurity and information security, and also big data and data analytics. I welcome special issue proposals related to these three areas of high interest in the public domain. New academic programs in these areas have been appearing over the past several years and continue to appear and I feel that it would serve our readership well if we were able to emphasize these three areas in the coming years.

As information technology and the knowledge economy continue to grow worldwide, I would also like to see both purely international research as well as studies that compare organizational and end user IS and IT between developed economies and developing national economies. I am personally aware of research occurring in South America and Africa and hope to see authors from countries in these locations better represented.

I look forward to serving as EiC for *JOEUC*.

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