FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF:

Themed articles for this special issue: This is our third special issue with a guest editor, and the first one to focus on an industry segment. IT spending in the government sector has grown significantly since the start of the new millennium, and we are very pleased to offer this special issue on IS management challenges for E-government initiatives with Dianne Lux Wigand, our guest editor.

Nonthemed articles in this issue: Two articles accepted via our general paper submission and review process are included in this issue, and all three address topics that also pose challenges in the E-government arena.

In "Critical Success Factors for Managing Systems Integration," Luis E. Mendoza, María Pérez, and Anna Grimán propose a framework of 20 CSFs for systems integration projects at four different levels of IS integration maturity. The authors also share their metrics for each CSF, and these can be used by managers to identify potential pitfalls with their own systems integration projects that could impact the likelihood of successful completion.

In the final article, "Cyber-Warfare Threatens Corporations: Expansion into Commercial Environments," Kenneth J. Knapp and William R. Boulton document 12 IT security trends, based on published resources, that highlight the ways in which information warfare has spread from the military to the commercial sector. Managers can use this framework to evaluate the IT security practices in their own organizations in light of these growing threats for both large and small commercial organizations.

Columns: This issue concludes with columns by two longtime academic contributors to this journal: Bill King and Paul Gray.
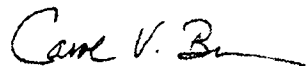
Future ISM issues: Special issues on the following topics are currently underway:

☐ Contemporary Practices in Systems Development
☐ IT and Healthcare

Paper calls for these and other special issues can be found on our journal Web site (www.ism-journal.com).

In addition to articles on these themes, each issue includes articles on other IS management topics that have been accepted through our blind review process; a list of the topics of continuing interest to this journal can be found on our Web site. Our overall objective is to publish examples of new types of applications, best practices, and survey articles on important technology trends, written by practitioners who have experienced these IS management challenges firsthand and by academics who have the opportunity to develop insights that build on other literature and their own research programs.

Before submitting a paper to us, please consult our Web site for detailed submission directions — including the formatting of references and inclusion of author biographies at the time of submission. ▲

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TO THE EDITORS OF *INFORMATION SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT*:

It has been called to our attention that in our research published in "Technology and the Decentralization of Information Systems" (Summer 2003, pp. 51–60) we failed to note the time frame of the research data. We are concerned that readers would assume that the time frame was at the time of publication.

Specifically, the data was collected in 1994 with a time frame of five years (i.e., the look-ahead time period was until 1999). In an error of omission, we failed to note this time frame in the article. We obviously let time slip as the article was being prepared and forgot that the data collected about future events had passed by the date of publication.

We regret this oversight and apologize to the journal and its readers. ▲

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