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It is my pleasure to introduce this issue of the NACCQ Bulletin of Applied Computing and Information Technology, BACIT 7(1). The issue heralds in a new editorial team, and a new format for publication, though for this edition we are merging the past with the future process.

Krassie Petrova has handed over the helm of BACIT and takes on the role of associate editor. It is through her dedication that BACIT is the publication it is today. Thank you Krassie for all of the amazing work you have done. Nick Wallingford (Bay of Plenty Polytechnic), Catherine Snell-Siddle (UCOL), Dr. Donald Joyce (UNITEC), Diane McCarthy (CPIT) and Aaron Steele (UCOL) have kindly offered their services as assistant editors, a big thank you for your willingness to undertake this role.

Publication will in future proceed on a publish when complete basis. That is, as each paper completes the review process it will be added to the issue currently being compiled and published - and be made available online once converted into the BACIT format. Papers will display a "pre-publication" watermark to indicate final proofing is still being done. This should streamline the process from submission to publication, and provide for a much improved response time. Arbitrarily creating a "deadline" for a publication places undue pressure on the editorial panel and is reminiscent of a paper based publishing paradigm. Once an issue has sufficient papers it will be "closed" and a new issue started.

Formatting of BACIT and the papers has been revised to allow for the new NACCQ Web site, and pdf files are being created for all papers to allow for submission to online databases and provide another choice for readers. In an exciting development COinS metadata is being generated to allow for automatic "capture" into programs that accept this, such as the zotero plug-in in Firefox. In Firefox a "page" icon will appear next to the URL, which you can click on to add to your reference database.

This issue contains a balance of research from the Tertiary sector, both Polytechnic/Institutes of Technologies and University contributions, and is indicative of the changing status of research in New Zealand, and the contribution that BACIT can play in publishing this research. BACIT currently

holds a C ranking on two Australian indexes (I am maintaining a ranking list for New Zealand journals on my wiki - refer to the reference below). International requests to have BACIT listed in research databases will I hope help us improve this ranking.

In this issue Trevor Nesbit investigates major projects undertaken by students in the Grad Dip eCommerce at CPIT. Adriana Romaniello and Dawn Medlin consider the importance of quality in determining student success in information and communication technology courses in higher education. In a departure from BACITs normal practice of requiring New Zealand content or linkage, a paper on a Visual Interactive Artificial Neural Network (VIANN) Tutor was accepted from researchers at the University of West Florida, as it was felt this would be of interest to IT practitioners in New Zealand. Sarita Pais, Alison Talbot, and Andy Connor investigate a perceived research - practice gap in software requirements engineering and provide some recommendations as to how this gap can be overcome. Christian Blunt and Michael Hine look at Enterprise 2.0 adoption and provide guidance as to how adoption challenges can be addressed using the Control Objectives for Information and related Technology (COBIT) framework. Tony Clear and others provided a technical report on the activities of the Eighth BRACElet workshop held 4 July 2008 concurrent with the NACCQ Conference at AUT University.

As usual we welcome comments, contributions, and expressions of interest to review papers, for future issues. My thanks to the editors, and authors, for making this issue possible, and hope you will enjoy reading BACIT 7(1)!

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