

Editorial Notes

This issue completes the inaugural year (Volume 1) of the Journal of Theoretical and Applied Electronic Commerce Research. We now look back and recollect the conception of this journal late in 2004, after discussing its creation during the Latino-American Conference on Collaborative Electronic Commerce Technology and Research (2003 & 2004). Setting up JTAER has been demanding in many ways. For authors, writing quality articles, reviewers verifying this quality, editorial board members helping with strategic issues, and the organization of the editorial board, the formation of a reviewers data base, journal logistics, policies, and developing the software to support the submission and publishing processes. We have not finished developing the online submission software yet, but we expect that it will be available during 2007. We know that a new journal matures and improves with time, and we are keen to see it grow, continually striving for new heights. We are very pleased with the quality of content and presentation of the three issues from our first volume, as we have achieved the goals we set for the journal. The next sections will describe some current improvements to policies and guidelines. We close with our achievements and thanks for the year that was 2006.

Change in Policy

You may have noticed that from issue 2, articles published in the journal included the dates the articles were initially received; received in revised form (if applicable); and finally accepted. These dates are important as they show the time taken in the review process. Thanks to our dedicated reviewers we have an effective and efficient reviewing process and papers are published in a timely fashion so that the content remains current.

References Format

Another change that was implemented from issue 2 is the references style which is now based on the IEEE Transaction and Journal references style, but with slight variations that satisfy the journal's requirements. Providing precise guidelines to authors is a difficult task, since the instructions sometimes are subject to interpretation. We have provided exhaustive examples of how to reference books, articles/chapters in a book, journal papers (periodicals), papers in proceedings, papers presented at conferences (unpublished), online sources, thesis or dissertation, reports, manuals, private communications and patents. However, some suggestions from authors are that there is still room for improvement in this area of the journal and we are currently working to address this issue.

Abstracting and Indexing

We are very proud to share with you that in the journal's first year we have obtained recognition of several well-known international institutions that index journals and organize abstracts. The Journal of Theoretical and Applied Electronic Commerce Research is now abstracted / indexed by:

- Cambridge Scientific Abstract (CSA) – Technology Research Database
 - Computer and Information Systems Abstracts
 - Electronics and Communications Abstracts
- EBSCO Database (recently signed agreement)
- INSPEC Database
- Latindex Directory
- The Index of Information Systems Journals

Special Issue on Mobile Commerce

The editorial of the second issue on Emerging Technologies for Mobile Commerce was written by two guest editors and well-known m-commerce researchers, Jerry Gao and Axel Küpper. The editorial received such good comments that we decided to organize a Special Issue on Mobile Commerce with the participation of Jerry and Axel as Guest Editors. This special issue has been planned to appear in August 2007 and has the aim of giving a space to researchers and practitioners to present an overview of the latest Mobile Commerce research and development, with novel ideas to bridge the gap between emergent technologies and demands from business and society. We invite you to access the Call for Papers (PDF file) for this special

issue from the journal's website and distribute it among your colleagues and the e-commerce research community.

Thanking the Editorial Board and Reviewers

The members of the Editorial Board had an active participation in our first year of the journal. They contributed by suggesting good quality reviewers, setting up the journal's policies, abiding by quality standards, attracting quality research and in the diffusion of the journal. We are very grateful for their valuable participation and collaboration, and we thank all of them. Reviewers are extremely important not only to the quality of articles published in the Journal of Theoretical and Applied Electronic Commerce Research, but also to the electronic commerce discipline. We want to recognize those reviewers who have worked so hard and professionally to help authors improve their manuscripts in different aspects. We appreciate the efforts of the many reviewers who have provided the timely and insightful reviews that have helped the Journal of Theoretical and Applied Electronic Commerce Research to publish the high-quality articles for which we want to be continually known for in the future. The names of all reviewers who have assisted or who have been available for us during the year will be published in the journal's website next year.

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