



AAIS Newsletter 2014

The AAIS primary purpose is to support IS academics through facilitating networking at AIS conferences, supporting the Australian Journal of Information Systems and representing the IS Academic community at state and national levels where appropriate. We seek to extend the support to you, its members, through active involvement in other representative bodies such as the Australian Council of Deans of ICT and the Australian Council of Professors and Heads of Information Systems.

We seek to grow membership of the Association for Information Systems (AIS) and of our Australasian Association, so that we can more effectively represent you, and find further ways of supporting your research and teaching programs. We seek to find better ways of attracting industry engagement with us in these programs as well, noting that much commercial R&D is completed independently of active engagement with the university sector. We note close and effective industry-university collaboration in Europe, particularly in Scandinavia and in Germany. I pose the question, how can we develop similar relationships with our industry organisations?

As part of the process in answering that question, I have been working with Digital Careers to help define the industry value proposition for hiring post-graduate qualified staff. We have sought to differentiate between the knowledge, skills and ability to apply these elements in our Masters and Doctoral programs. Further work is required to complete this body of work. There is an opportunity for you to help shape this work.

The Australasian Journal of Information Systems has been published since 1993 and recently published two more issues in Volume 18. Some of you are on the editorial board and the Editor in Chief is an ex officio member of AAIS. The AAIS works with ACPHIS to support AJIS and we encourage you to consider publishing through this channel.

I raised issues for consideration at the Chapter and SIG meeting at the Americas Conference on Information Systems which was held in Savannah Georgia in August this year. I was pleased to meet so many regional members there.

The 25th Australasian Conference on Information Systems is being held from 7-10 December in Auckland, with the Auckland University of Technology leading and managing the processes and hosting the event. I do hope that you will be able to join us at this significant event. Over 240 participants have registered and there are a

number of interesting workshops. This conference is followed by the 28th International Conference on Information Systems, hosted by the University of Auckland. ICIS 2014 is between 14-17 December. Again, this is a wonderful opportunity to take part in workshop and conference activities.

It is through these and other AIS regional conferences that opportunities for sharing research ideas and results, teaching innovations and networking occur. These are important events that support the vision of the AIS and its chapters. Let me know of other channels of engagement and exchange that you would find beneficial and increase your value gained from active participation in our Association

Finally, we have our Annual General Meeting on 9 December at ACIS 2014. We look forward to your attendance then and participation in the Association in 2015.

Please write to me with your suggestions on improvements in representation and support that the AAIS should consider. I look forward to meeting you at ACIS 2014.

Regards



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