

## EDITORIAL – From the Editor-in-Chief

As the new Editor-in-Chief appointed to overlook the 11th issue of iSCHANNEL, I am pleased to see such diversity of topics, opinions and commentaries published this year. Contributing to a student research journal such as iSCHANNEL, be it as an editor, reviewer or author, is a worthy challenge for any MSc or PhD student. In fact, I have myself contributed to the journal as a writer and reviewer while a MSc student, and I am doing so now as the editor, pursuing my PhD in Information Systems.

Reflecting on my past year in the role of editor, I can certainly admit that it has been a challenging but rewarding experience. An editor, as I have learned, is responsible for managing the whole editorial process. That means that apart from reaching out and encouraging authors to submit their articles, the editor assigns articles to reviewers and, together with them, makes decisions regarding the articles' publication.

Besides developing your management and organisation skills, this exercise also gives you a privileged view into the editorial process of research journals in academia. The iSCHANNEL review process relies on double-blind peer review. Authors receive comments from reviewers and are given a chance to introduce improvements. The reviewers' activity not only bears the quality of the articles published, but also helps them improve their own work through engaging in peer review. Essential in academia, peer review has benefits for both parties.

Writers contribute to iSCHANNEL by replying to the call for papers going out in spring. In my own experience, I can certainly say that submitting an article to the journal helps in developing your own essay writing skills. Through the process of review and the opportunity to receive peer feedback, you become a better writer. Moreover, you have the opportunity to see your work published and hone your research skills.

In my view, iSCHANNEL plays a vital role within the MISDI and PhD in Information Systems community. I'm looking forward to heading it as the Editor-in-Chief with the indispensable help from fellow students.

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