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From the Head of Group

Welcome to the fourth edition of iSCHANNEL. It has been inspiring to watch students and staff working together to produce such a professional, quality publication. Each year iSCHANNEL has gone from strength to strength. As Editor in Chief of the Journal Of Information Technology I do know precisely what effort and talent needs to go into this type of endeavour, and on both counts the inputs have been remarkable, while the high quality of the output is there for all to see.

I have great respect for the journal's objectives. In particular, providing the opportunity to develop the discipline of writing for a journal is hugely valuable. Meeting deadlines, writing well, developing coherent ideas, marshalling evidence, and being to take and act on constructive advice are very valuable skills for students and their future careers whether in academic or working life. Then there are the opportunities offered by the Journal to develop experience at providing constructive, objective advice by taking up a role as a reviewer of submitted papers. The administrative roles of editing, proof-reading and seeing each publication through to its final form and dissemination are also key to iSCHANNEL. The whole enterprise provides experience in working on a joint endeavour in an interdependent way.

This, then, is a very creative, and highly useful venture which I have supported enthusiastically from the start. Everything that has happened over the first three issues has only confirmed the faith we have had in our student population in producing something both professional, and remarkable. So far everyone involved has derived immense benefit from the iSCHANNEL. And it continues to underpin ISIG's long-standing reputation for its focus on student support and development. I really do look forward to the content of the 2009-2010 issue, especially in the light of the positioning of Information Systems within a department of Management and in the context of our group's increased focus on Innovation studies.

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