

## EDITORIAL

### From the Faculty Editor

The iSCHANNEL is five years old and continues to develop and gain in strength. From what started as a small project by a few MSc students is now increasingly seen by all LSE students of Information Systems as their journal. This is demonstrated by the increasing involvement of both MSc and PhD students in all aspects of the journals production. It is hoped that this will continue and that by working in partnership both PhD and MSc students can both learn and develop their skills. The involvement of PhD students is valuable as they are at the LSE for a longer period and can help provide continuity across the issues of the iSCHANNEL, in addition to helping to increasingly professionalise the reviewing and editorial process.

In particular I would like to thank Attila Marton for his role as Editor-In-Chief for this edition. He has led the editorial board throughout the process and has worked tirelessly this year to ensure a high quality edition of the journal is produced. I am also pleased that he has agreed to take this role on next year as well – and to help recruit another PhD student alongside him so ensuring the continuity of leadership that the journal requires.

Ironically one of the key challenges for developing the journal in the future will be to improve the back-office information systems. The journal desperately needs a support infrastructure to ensure that deadlines are met and that the whole team can keep on top of the process and keep track of the documents. In addition it would be nice to see the development of various authors-workshops or conference opportunities for students intending to publish in the iSCHANNEL to discuss their work. These are ideas I hope next years team will take on.

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