The *Australian Computer Journal* began publication in November 1967 and in the year 2000 the name was changed to the *Journal of Research and Practice in Information Technology* (JRPIT). JRPIT is consequently one of the oldest computing journals in the world. In the years since then there have been many Editors, each giving wonderful service to the Australian Computer Society, computer scientists and computing professionals in Australia and around the world. On 1 January 2003, I became Editor-in-Chief of JRPIT. So by the end of 2009 I will have had the honour and privilege of holding this position for seven years – longer than any of my predecessors. It is time for me to hand over the reins to the next generation. Accordingly we are undertaking a search for a suitable replacement as Editor-in-Chief. In the near future the Australian Computer Society will appoint that person and he or she will set the direction of JRPIT for future years. While I will be sad to step down from this role, I am proud of our achievements. JRPIT receives about five times the number of papers that it can publish. The authors come literally from around the world. JRPIT is now online and everyone can read it for free. The journal has appeared on time throughout my editorship. In this I have been greatly assisted by a very fine team of Associate Editors, a first class Research Assistant, Rosemary Hay, and a very professional publication team in Keith Collins and Pam Gill. I have also benefited from advice from Tom Worthington, Simon Kwan and Professor John Roddick. I wish the next Editor-in-Chief great success and as much pleasure as I have had in this role. And of course I wish JRPIT at least another 40 years of publishing scholarly papers of benefit to the community.

Restoration of noisy and blurred images is one of the topical research areas in the field of image enhancement and image processing. "To restore a degraded image, which has been corrupted by some kind of noise and motion blur", Xinzhong Zhu, Jianmin Zhao, C. J. Duanmu and Huiying Xu present, in the first paper of this issue, "Noisy Motion-blurred Images Restoration Based on RBFN", a model for restoration and propose an algorithm based on this model and the Radial Basis Function Network (RBFN).

In the second paper of this issue "RFID and Application Security", Lynn A. DeNoia and Anne L. Olsen discuss how "the question of how well Radio-Frequency Identification (RFID) technology can maintain security in business applications continues to plague both information system developers and end consumers". "Today's RFID standards do not necessarily cover all of the desired security capabilities." In this paper they "present an overview of some of the security requirements for applications using RFID technology, suggest a five step process to evaluate the security requirements of RFID applications and give some examples to show how the process might be used".

Following this, the third paper in this issue is "Translating Topic Maps to RDF/RDF Schema for The Semantic Web" by Shinae Shin, Dongwon Jeong and Doo-Kwon Baik. "This paper focuses on the issue for translating Web metadata, especially Topic Maps and RDF/RDF Schema (RDF(S)). For the Semantic Web, all Web information resources should be accepted and understood by any browsers and web applications. Topic Maps and RDF are both representative international standards for description of Web information resources. The paper proposes an improved method for translating Topic Maps to RDF(S)."

The fourth paper, "Investigating the Role of Value Creation in Information Systems Relevance", by Kevin A. Johnston, Neil Botha, Nevashan Pillay and Shane Posthumus aims to "provide an explanation towards achievement of relevance in the field of Information Systems (IS) by pointing out the critical role of value creation amongst the various stakeholder groups". Their "findings support the view that the IS discipline needs to focus more of its efforts on improving delivery of application knowledge and research whilst at the same time emphasizing less other knowledge

types such as theoretical and technical knowledge. Furthermore specific aspects of IS knowledge and research such as its usefulness and its transferability need greater attention".

"The Actual Usage of ERP Systems: An Extended Technology Acceptance Perspective" by Ya-Yueh Shih and Siao-Sian Huang is the final paper in this issue. It "attempts to explain behavioural intention and actual usage of ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning) implementation based on the Technology Acceptance Model (TAM)". "An ERP system is a packaged business software system that provides a totally integrated solution for organizational information processing needs, and efficiently and effectively manages resources (materials, human resources, finances, etc.)". "This study found that top management support plays an important role in ERP implementation. Top management support strongly, directly and positively affects computer self-efficacy, perceived usefulness and perceived ease of use. Meanwhile, computer self-efficacy partially directly affects perceived usefulness and perceived ease of use."

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