Editorial Preface

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Nowadays, Information Technology (IT) is crucial in the support, sustainability, and growth of many organizations. Given this pervasive role of IT in organizations, its governance has become an important subject of study over the past two decades.

Building on our own research, we defined IT governance as the organizational capacity that addresses the definition and implementation of processes, structures and relational mechanism that enable both business and IT people to execute their responsibilities in support of business/IT alignment and the creation of value from IT-enabled business investments. This definition has been the key starting point when we launched the International Journal on IT/Business Alignment and Governance in 2010, as a mechanism to further progress and promote this knowledge area.

You are now reading the IJITBAG, Volume 8, Issue 1. In this issue, two papers were rigorously peer-reviewed, accepted, presented and discussed earlier at the Hawaii International Conference on System Sciences (HICSS) in January 2017. In this conference, we are chairing a research track on IT governance since 2001, and we regularly invite selected authors to submit enhanced versions to our Journal, incorporating new insights and data obtained during and after the conference. These papers are:

- Socio-Technical Punctuated Equilibrium Model Enhanced with Social Network Theory: As the Descriptor of Changes in the Equilibria of CIO Work
- Examining Cross-Domain Alignment: The Correlation of Business Strategy, IT Management, and IT Business Value

In this issue, we also have included a paper as Article 3 that was accepted, presented and discussed at the European Conference on Information Systems Management (ECISM) in Portugal, September 2016, where it underwent a comprehensive peer review. It is titled:

- CIO Perspectives on Organizational Learning within the Context of IT Governance

As a fourth paper, we have invited a descriptive case on the use of business case in IT enabled investments. This case is based on a recent, successfully defended PhD project in the University of Antwerp – Antwerp Management School, where it was put through an in-depth peer review, and was hand-picked because of its practical relevance.

- Continuous Business Case Usage in the Context of a Strategic IT Enabled Investment at Rabobank

With these selections, we hope that this issue of IJITBAG will again be an interesting reading and source of inspiration for both academics and practitioners.

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