Editorial

Into the future: Introducing CITRENZ JACIT

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1. Introduction

With the changing of the National Advisory Committee of Computing Qualifications (NACCQ) to Computing and Information Technology Research and Education, New Zealand (CITRENZ) in 2010, it was an opportunity to consolidate the publications of the NACCQ. The paper based publication Journal of Applied Computing and Information Technology (JACIT) and the online Bulletin (BACIT) have been merged into the single publication JACIT.

A lot of work has gone in behind the scenes to make this happen and my thanks must go to the editorial team for their perseverance. As always Krassie has an outstanding grasp of the intricacies of how a Journal is constructed and in spite of a heavy personal workload has always been willing to assist. To Nick who has taken over the mantle of Web editor, and has helped rebuild the logic behind the pages, tidying up my JavaScript and the Cascading style sheets, as well as building the html and pdf versions for the current edition. To Aaron, for beginning the task of rebuilding an archival version of the NACCQ-JACIT, so that the past papers can be moved out of their closed paper based versions and made available to the wider online audience.

For authors of past JACIT papers, if you have electronic copies of your papers and we have not yet put them on the site, we would be really grateful if they could be sent to us, as many papers are not available in an electronic format.

To Diane, Catherine and Aaron for the work on copy editing a big thank you. To Dr Tony Clear for organising the special section on Global Intercultural Collaboration, and his assistance as we have gone through the process of rebuilding the new publication.

Finally, thanks must go to the authors who have been willing to develop and present their research in JACIT and the reviewers who have generously donated their time to evaluate the submissions and provide constructive feedback and guidance to the authors.

A mention too must be made of the previous JACIT editor, Dr Donald Joyce and thanks for his work in developing and managing the publication.

Many papers have been submitted for consideration. My records show that we had 12 papers submitted, and have accepted and peer reviewed six papers (Statistically this gives a 33% (6/18) acceptance rate). Some of the papers have - and some are still...
being - worked on with the editors and reviewers, and I thank them also for the work they are putting in to nurture new researchers.

The work to create a new Journal - even if based on existing journals - has been considerable. I hope the editors have retained enough energy to embark on the next edition!!

2. This Edition

We start this edition with a special section on Global Intercultural Collaboration, where papers have been developed from a workshop held at the Auckland University of Technology. Tony Clear and Leo Hitchcock introduce the papers.

The next section contains three papers from the Auckland University of Technology Digital Forensic Research Laboratories, and cover digital forensic tools, GPS Device recovery and Compression. Brian Cusack and Krassie Petrova introduce this section.

This is followed by a paper from Dildeep Rajendran who considers whether embedding CCNA in a Tertiary program helps align them with Industry.

Rounding out the edition we have a technical report from the thirteenth and final BRACElet workshop. BRACElet is a multi-institutional research study of how novice programmers comprehend and write computer programs.

3. Finally

As usual we welcome comments, contributions, and expressions of interest to review papers, for future issues. My thanks to the editors, and authors, for making this issue possible, and hope you will enjoy reading JACIT 15(1)!

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