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Editorial

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Biographical notes: David Taniar holds a PhD degree in Computer Science, with a particular specialty in high performance databases. His research area has now expanded to Grid and Web databases. He has published extensively, including a newly released book on 'Object-Oriented Oracle'. He is an Editor-in-Chief of several international journals, including *Web and Grid Services*, *Web Information Systems*, *Mobile Information Systems*, *Mobile Multimedia*, *Data Warehousing and Mining*, and *Business Intelligence and Data Mining*. He is also a Fellow of the Institute for Management Information Systems (FIMIS).

Welcome to the final issue for 2005. IJWGS is now one year old. Perhaps, it is now a good time to reflect on our achievements.

Volume 1 has four issues, including one special issue on *Semantic Web Mining and Reasoning* (issue 2). The other three regular issues have published 13 papers. Up to now (November 2005), more than 30 submissions have been received and processed for the regular issues. The acceptance rate for publication in the first volume is around 40%. The papers that appear in this volume come from four continents, making the journal a true international journal.

The turn around rate from initial submission to notification is approximately six months. We believe that this time frame is quite reasonable, although we are keen to improve on this by having a faster turn around rate.

Looking ahead to the year 2006, we plan to improve the journal in a number of ways. Our main focus is to reduce the acceptance rate to around 25%, making acceptance into this journal more competitive. We also plan to index the journal in the DBLP server, as well as in the Science Citation Index.

A significant portion of this volume focuses on Web Services. Therefore, we would like to encourage submissions in the area of grid services. We are also interested in receiving special issue proposals, particularly from those prestigious international conferences in grid services.

Last but not least, I would like to thank the editorial board members, ad hoc reviewers and associate editors for dedicating their time in reviewing papers. Special thanks goes to the authors who have given their trust in publishing their research work in this journal. I hope that the readers find the papers in this volume useful and innovative.