
Editorial

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Biographical notes: David Taniar holds Bachelors (Honours), Masters, and PhD Degrees – all in Computer Science/Information Technology, with a particular specialty in Databases. His research now expands to Data Mining, Mobile Information Systems, and Web Technology. He publishes extensively every year. He is currently a Senior Lecturer at the Faculty of Information Technology, Monash University, Australia. He is a founding Editor-in-Chief of a number of international journals, including *Int. J. Data Warehousing and Mining*, *Int. J. Business Intelligence and Data Mining*, *Mobile Information Systems*, *Journal of Mobile Multimedia*, *Int. J. Web Information Systems*, and *Int. J. Web and Grid Services*. He is also an editorial board member of numerous international journals. He is elected as a Fellow of the Institute for Management Information Systems (FIMIS).

Welcome to the first issue in 2007. The *International Journal of Business Intelligence and Data Mining (IJBIDM)* is now one year old. It is perhaps now a good time to reflect our achievements.

Volume 1 last year had four issues, consisting of 23 papers, coming from four continents, making the journal a true international. The selection process is done at two levels. Level one is a screening carried out by the editorial board. Only those papers passed level one will be sent to external reviewers for reviewing in the second level. A revised version of those papers that require major modifications were re-reviewed by the same reviewers who reviewed the initial version of the paper, in order to check whether the required and suggested changes have been done satisfactorily.

The turn around rate from the initial submission to the notification is around 6 months. We believe that this is quite reasonable, although we are keen to improve this by having a faster turn around rate. Some of the papers appeared in this journal have been well cited as recorded in <http://scholar.google.com/>.

We are starting the second volume (2007) by having five papers on various topics in data mining, including guidance enabled association mining, redundant association rules reduction, weighted nearest neighbour classifier, and two other papers on data warehousing and business intelligence.

In looking ahead, we plan to improve the journal in a number of ways. We plan to have the journal listed in the DBLP server (<http://www.informatik.uni-trier.de/~ley/db/index.html>). For each new issue, we will distribute the table of contents to various mailing lists, including DBWorld, Computational Sciences, ISWorld, and others. We plan to index the journal in the Science Citation Index. We are also interested in receiving special issue proposals, particularly from those prestigious international conferences in data mining and business intelligence.

Last but not least, I would like to thank the editorial board members and external ad-hoc reviewers for dedicating their time in reviewing papers. A special thank goes to the authors who have given their trust in publishing their research work in this journal.

2007 imposes many challenges, and I believe it will be an exciting as well as a rewarding year to us – the *IJBIDM* team.