
Preface

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The collection of papers contained in this edition of the *IJBGE* contains studies on some topics not normally seen in the governance literature. Starting with Bart and Turel's paper, we see one of the first empirical studies of IT governance offered from a rare perspective – the board of directors. The paper by Koufopoulos et al. looks at the relationship between various hospital governance practices in Greece and shows their relationship with selected measures of performance. Given the explosion of governance training in the past five years, McIntyre and Murphy tackle an area of study long in need of research with their comparative analysis of director education programs in Canada, the UK and Australia. The paper by Poitras explores a highly sensitive ethical issue concerning the transformation of non-medical problems into 'real ones' in order to maximise shareholder wealth. Serenko and Bontis provide a statistically rigorous ranking of business ethics journals, while Switzer and Lin offer a controversial look at the effects of Sabanes-Oxley compliance on US and foreign firm performance. Finally, the study by Van den Berghe provides insights into the relatively new topic of internal governance. I hope that you enjoy this edition of the *IJBGE*.