
Editorial

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We are glad to introduce this double issue of the *International Journal of Electronic Governance*, which features ten research papers included in the special issue on *Delivering E-Government* guest-edited by Professor G.P. Sahu, as well as a number of more papers and columns.

In the regular research department of this issue, Kalsi, Kiran and Vaidya, in their paper *Changing Perspectives and Pragmatics of Good Governance and E-Governance in India: A Shared Vision of Citizens*, present an effort to formulate a shared vision of delivering good governance through a “Participatory Stakeholder Assessment” approach, taking the Indian context as a case of reference.

Additionally, the technical papers department presents two contributions on different subjects and from different geographical areas: Charalabidis, Koussouris, Gionis and Askounis, in *Promoting Electronic Participation Systems in the Balkans: The Case of National Press Agencies*, present a case study based on the European project called WEB.DEF, which attempts to establish an e-Participation platform based on the cooperation of national news agencies in the converging regions of the Balkans; Sharma,

Dwivedi and Seth, in *The Role of E-facilitation (ICTs) in Economic Development of the Rural Population*, discuss the effective usage of Information and Communication Technologies to enhance the levels and reach of institutional credit for low-income rural population of India.

Leaving the room to our guest-editor and the *Delivering E-Government* special issue, we would also like to bring to your attention the issues of IJEG to be published during the months to come on topics such as Users and Uses of Electronic Governance, guest-edited by Dr. Stéphanie Wojcik and Mr. Giles Moss, and Methodologies, Technologies and Tools enabling e-Government, guest-edited by Professor Flavio Corradini and Professor Alberto Polzonetti.

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