
Editorial

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It is with great pleasure that we present the special issue on *Users, Uses and Contexts of E-Governance*, guest-edited by Dr. Stéphanie Wojcik and Dr. Giles Moss, containing an invited paper by Professor Stephen Coleman and Professor Ildikó Kaposi as well as five more research papers. This special issue, which completes the second volume of *International Journal of Electronic Governance*, not only presents particular interest in its own merit but also highlights an effort to open up the focus of IJEG not only to the agenda of delivering electronic governance (cf. our previous special issue) but also to the interdisciplinary issues that arise in its contexts of use.

In the issues to come, our intention is to continue this effort and further expand our subject coverage, investigating the multi-faceted relations of electronic governance to new digital media, as well as the manifestations of governance processes in domains other than public administration and politics. We will try, therefore, to develop this agenda through alternating special and regular issues, without failing to always welcome contributions on the core themes of e-government and e-participation.

Leaving the room to our guest editors, we take this opportunity to sincerely thank all the contributors of our second volume, authors, reviewers and guest-editors alike, as well as all the production staff of our publishers for their continued and professional support. And we would also like to warmly acknowledge the contribution of our editorial board members as well as our editorial assistance team, which we are glad to expand; from this issue, we have the pleasure to welcome aboard Mrs. Aspasia Papaloi, doctoral researcher at the Laboratory of New Technologies in Communication, Education and the Mass Media of the University of Athens, as IJEG Editorial Assistant.

With our warmest wishes for a very happy and creative 2010, we invite you to peruse our guest editors' introduction and the contents of this special issue.