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## Editorial

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The collection of papers contained in this special edition of the *IJBGE* contains studies related to economic crime prevention. Starting with Herath and Rao's award-winning paper from the McMaster World Congress on Economic Crime Prevention, we see that although organisations have been actively using security technologies and practices, information security can not be achieved through technological tools alone. The next paper by McKay et al. examines the psychopathology of the white-collar criminal acting as a corporate leader. Booker and Bontis examine the extent to which economic crime can be curbed by using RFIT enabled currency. The study by Barnes examines the UK experience of stock market efficiency, insider dealing and market abuse. Sproule and Archer report on a 2008 survey of Canadian consumer experience related to identify theft and identity fraud. The paper by Farooqi examines the use of Hawala for money laundering and terrorist financing. Tovstiga et al. examine the findings of a NATO funded project investigating the nature of innovation in open collaborative communities and implications for cyber security, particularly as they apply to hacker communities. The study by Andrew Gray and Graeme Hamilton considers the extent to which Canadian law gives effect to so-called foreign blocking legislation. The next paper by Bart presents the results of a content analysis of audit committee charters for the 60 largest publicly traded companies on the Toronto Stock Exchange. Swift et al. look at the use of industrial security firms to catch thieving employees and protect companies from future theft. Finally, the Dean of the DeGroote School of Business at McMaster University Paul Bates provides a brief commentary on the educational implications for economic crime prevention.