
Editorial

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The second issue of Vol. 3 of *International Journal of Electronic Governance*, a Special Issue on Methodologies, Technologies and Tools Enabling E-Government that has been guest-edited by Prof. Flavio Corradini and Prof. Alberto Polzonetti, University of Camerino, Italy, continues development of IJEG towards covering a broad spectrum of topics that pertain to e-government and e-governance, in line with the journal's intended scope.

Aside with the papers of this special issue, *A Review of Electronic Government Interoperability Frameworks: Patterns and Challenges* by Charalabidis, Lampathaki, Kavalaki and Askounis in the journal's regular research department provides a comprehensive overview of current e-Government Interoperability Frameworks (e-GIFs) in a number of countries worldwide, which emerge as an indispensable component of one-stop electronic public service delivery architectures.

In our supplementary columns, with the help of our editorial assistance team as well as contributing authors whose work we would like to warmly acknowledge, you are invited to find an up-to-date selection of news and information of interest

to our readership. The *IJEG Conference Calendar* includes an extended list of e-governance-related conferences to take place during the second semester of 2010 and early 2011, whereas our *News and Briefs* column presents a number of highlight reports concerning the MeTTTeG conference series; the recent 2010 edition of the International Conference on eDemocracy (EDEM); as well as the Labs.OpenGov.gr and IllegalSigns.gr initiatives in Greece, two recent examples of what may be called, in the authors' own wording, "a bottom up approach in public affairs".

Last but not least, we would like to bring to your attention the call for papers that have been recently launched for a 2011 special issue of *International Journal of Electronic Governance* under the theme of *(Re)creating public sphere, civic culture and civic engagement: public service media vs. online social networks*. This special issue, guest-edited by Prof. Petros Iosifidis and Prof. Michalis Meimaris, both members of the IJEG Editorial Board, brings together critical interdisciplinary research issues from the fields of public and social media under a number of core questions pertaining to what may be conceptualised as the existence (and emergence) of "contemporary civic spaces", thus representing an important step forward in our effort to open up the e-governance agenda and highlight liaisons and synergies with a number of disciplines. Submissions are invited by 10 September 2010, whereas details of the call can be found on the IJEG homepage (<http://www.inderscience.com/ijeg>) as well as on the relevant section of our publishers' website (<http://www.inderscience.com/callPapers.php>).

With our sincere thanks to all of this issue's contributors, we invite you to peruse the contents of IJEG Vol. 3, No. 2.