Editorial

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The past year, 2016, has been one of recognition and emerging maturity.

AJIS is now listed in Cabell's International Directory, and indexed by German and Korean language search engines, as well as other English language indices, such as Thomson Reuters' Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI). There are current negotiations for addition to China's CKNI Chinese language service. A full list is available on the AJIS website. AJIS has also been awarded the Directory of Open Access Journals Seal for best Open Access publishing practice.

Thirteen general research articles were published in 2016, plus special sections on

- Design Research for Decision Support Systems Development

- Research on Rural and Remote ICT

- Selected Papers from the Information Systems Foundations Conference (ISF)

Ten Post-Publication Reviews were published. These reviews were well received and in one instance that I have been told about, resulted in a new joint research project being established with the existing team plus the reviewer. This is an excellent development by any measure.

The most significant news is that the AJIS h-index has increased from 30 to 32 over 2016. This reflects a greater rate of citation of AJIS articles. Hopefully this is being driven by our increasing visibility and quality of authorship.

Our readership continues to grow (Figure 1) with most now discovering our material through Google Scholar or Cabell's International Directory.
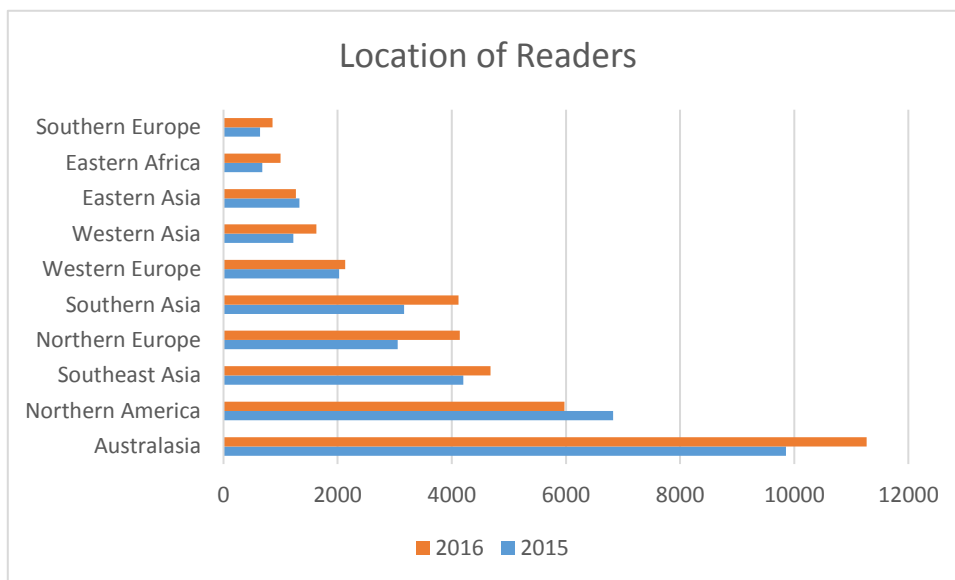

Figure 1: AJIS readership

Our greater visibility is resulting in an increasing number of papers being submitted. In 2016, 154 papers were submitted. It is worth reflecting on what that means in an organisational sense. The most significant issue is that this creates a demand for 154 Section Editors and 463 reviewers. That is over 600 positions which must be filled over the year.

This results in a major exercise in diplomacy on my part when seeking Section Editors, and on their part when seeking reviewers. It goes without saying that AJIS owes a huge debt to those colleagues who volunteer, especially those taking on the editorship of special sections. I would encourage new PhD students in particular to become reviewers as that is, in my view, the best way to get an idea of standards of papers being submitted, and the degree of development they go through before publishing. This can be a great confidence builder.

The five most popular AJIS articles in 2016 were:

Baskarada, S., & Koronios, A. (2013). *Data, Information, Knowledge, Wisdom (DIKW): A Semiotic Theoretical and Empirical Exploration of the Hierarchy and its Quality Dimension.*

Gartlan, J., & Shanks, G. (2007). *The Alignment of Business and Information Technology Strategy in Australia.*

Kendall, J., & Kendall, K. (2012). *Storytelling as a Qualitative Method for IS Research: Heralding the Heroic and Echoing the Mythic.*

Lauer, T., & Tanniru, M. (2001). *Knowledge Management Audit - a methodology and case study.*

Mathrani, S., & Viehland, D. (2009). *Business Benefits from Enterprise Systems Implementation in Small and Medium-sized Enterprises.*

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Another year lies ahead.