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2 Foreword

This issue of IRIS selected papers contains six papers which have been nominated by group leaders at the 2016 IRIS seminar in Ljungskile, Sweden. The papers have subsequently been revised and resubmitted for inclusion in this issue.

2.1 First

The first paper in this issue is titled *How Habermas' philosophy can inspire the design of information systems; the case of designing an open learning platform for social integration*. In this paper, authors **Amir Haj-Bolouri, Leona Kruse Chandra, Juhani Iivari and Per Flensburg** looks to Habermas for inspiration

to design a more inclusive open learning platform for social intergration, and argues for the relevance of philosphy in IS research in sensemaking and design.

2.2   Second

Ayub Manya, Petter Nielsen and Raphael Pundo looks at cloud computing's potential to strengthen health information systems in developing countries. In *Cloud Computing as a Catalyst for Integrated Health Information Systems in Developing Countries* the authors take a closer look at a case from the national health information system in Kenya where integration and harmonization of fragmented systems is desired to support real-time information to health workers.

2.3   Third

The third paper comes from **Christian Koch and John Bang Mathiasen**, who reports from a study of wind turbine control systems. The main contribution in *The learning of sociotechnical practices in embedded systems development* is insight into obstacles and enablers for embedded system developer learning processes.

2.4   Fourth

With the concept of loose coupling as a starting point, authors **Egil Øvrelid and Bendik Bygstad** explore how it is used in IS research, and how the concept can be applied in the context of system interaction. Through a systematic literature review, the authors develop a framework for analysis, and discuss implications for the dynamics of information infrastructures.

2.5   Fifth

Flora Assah and Petter Nielsen, in their paper *An Integrated Health Management Information System a Missing block in achieving universal health coverage in Cameroon?*, examine the state of health information systems in Cameroon. The aim of their paper is to stimulate more active discussion on the issue of integration of health information systems in low and medium income countries.

2.6   Sixth

The sixth and final paper in this issue looks at how agile methods in software development has inspired project management processes in general. Authors **Lise Tordrup Heeager, Per Svejvig and Bjarne Rerup Schlichter** compare key characteristics of agile processes with a Danish general project management method. Titled *How has agile methods inspired an industrywide project management initiative*, the authors conclude that general project management methods to a large degree has been influenced my agile methods.

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