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Editorial

## A New Era for the Human-Computer Interaction Community

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It is with much anticipation and great excitement that the HCI community welcomes the *Transactions on Human-Computer Interactions*. With the hard work and determination of two very dedicated co-editors, Ping Zhang and Dennis Galletta, our special interest group has ensured that high quality research in HCI has a high quality outlet for publication. I echo Jane Carey's excitement for the leading role the SIG has played in developing a journal dedicated to the discipline of the group and hope to see others follow in its footsteps.

From its inception in 2001, the SIG has had a number of highly committed leaders who have ensured its growth and success. Leaders in the field, such as Izak Benbasat, Jane Carey, Fred Davis, Dennis Galletta, Sirkka Jarvenpaa, Fiona Fui-Hoon Nah, Diane Strong, Joe Valacich, Jane Webster, and Ping Zhang, have dedicated their time and efforts to help guide and support the SIG through its advisory board. Previous chairs, including Ping Zhang, Fui-Hoon Nah, Scott McCoy, Traci Hess, and Weiyin Hong, have given much to the SIG and helped grow its membership and respectability within the HCI community. Without both the leadership of the advisory board and the commitment and dedication of past chairs, the launch of the *Transactions* would not have been possible.

The *Transactions* will serve as an international publication outlet for HCI research conducted around the globe. As the SIG's membership confirms, there are researchers from around the world who represent both practitioners and academics. Having such a broad-based global HCI community will ensure not only an abundance of high quality manuscripts for the *Transactions*, but a high number of diverse perspectives on HCI.

Conversations with numerous researchers in the HCI community have revealed that a dedicated outlet for HCI research is long overdue, and the *Transactions*, in filling that gap, will be much welcomed. The overwhelming number of submissions already testifies to the impending success of the journal, and I'm sure there will be many years of continued success as the journal matures.

The SIG has come a long way in only eight years, and the fact that we now have the *Transactions* is evidence of the hard work and commitment of the SIG leaders and members of the HCI community. In particular, many thanks must go to Ping Zhang and Dennis Galletta for their continued hard work and perseverance through the difficult development and execution stages of the journal. My thanks also go to everyone who has helped make the dream of the *Transactions* a reality.

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