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This is the third issue since SIM joined in alliance with MISQE. We are very pleased with the focus of this publication: pragmatic findings grounded in thoughtful analysis. This gets us the 3 R's: Relevance, Rigor, and Readability that is often missing in other IT publications.

The current issue is no exception. Peter Weil's paper on IT governance structures is very helpful to anyone designing or considering changing their model of IT Governance. Based upon extensive research, Weill provides a vocabulary and framework to let the IT and business leaders decide the appropriate governance models that match business culture and decision categories.

The J.D. Edwards case on knowledge management shows how tangible results and hard savings can be achieved in an area often misunderstood and soft on substance. Relating it to stage theory provides a great way to validate the usefulness the S-learning curve to adoption of new technology.

The Western Digital case on vigilant information systems shows just how far we have come in applying real time information for significant process improvement. This is one of many examples I've seen lately that utilize the visual and analytical appeal of a measurement dashboard.

The paper on realizing business value provides an excellent synopsis of the issues involved with measuring the payoff from IT investments. Their AIAC Framework offers a structured approach to what has often been an illusive activity within many firms. It is backed up by solid techniques and the Holly Cross Health System case study.

MISQE would not exist if it weren't for the dedication of Jack Rockart, the editorial team, and the faculty contributors. This is consistent with the spirit of volunteerism we had cherished in SIM for so many years.

Please offer your comments on the value of MISQE to your work and the IT professional community.

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