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The value of information systems can be realized in many different aspects. A major one is to support decision making and event management. In this issue, we publish two papers, one investigates the role of information systems in decision support and the other shows how information technologies can be applied effectively to assist event management.

The paper "Pervasive Decision Support: Improving Reliance on Decision Aids" by Parkes examines the role of decision support systems in influencing decision makers. In the study, an experiment was designed to examine the reliance on decision aids under different task difficulty, perceived usefulness, and message design. The results indicate that the influence of suggestive decision guidance on decision making increases when the task difficulty and perceived usefulness of a decision aid are higher. This is in line with our general understanding that decision support systems are designed for assisting semi-structured problems.

The paper "Information Systems for Large-scale Event Management: A Case Study" by Ng and Kankanhalli shows how information systems can be applied to support the planning and coordination of large-scale events. It analyzes the planning and deployment of information infrastructure and system for S2006, an annual meeting with 23,700 participants in Singapore. The case provides a number of guidelines that are valuable for information systems deployment for large-scale events that need intensive communication and coordination.

The journal also has a new associate editor Amitava Dutta who is LeRoy Eakin Endowed Chair at George Mason University. His research expertise include design and performance Analysis of Business Process, IT Governance and Auditing, and Management of IT Services. Welcome him on board.

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