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A number of Information Systems journals published and edited in North America for many years have been, up until relatively recently, the only avenue for Information Systems researchers to reach an international audience. There have been, however, increasing numbers of international Information Systems journals published outside North America in recent years reflecting the growth in interest and activity in the topic worldwide.

While international in scope and quality, and while commanding wide circulation, it may be the case that only a small proportion of North American academics are aware of their existence. This represents a missed opportunity for publishing research material on their part and, more importantly, may well lead to a partial view only of the state of knowledge in any particular aspect of the Information Systems domain.

This panel aims to rectify this state of affairs and to provide insight into the orientation and publishing policies of a number of non-North American journals.

Five journals are represented:

- *Australian Journal of Information Systems* (AJIS)
- *European Journal of Information Systems* (EJIS)
- *Information Systems Journal* (ISJ)
- *Journal of Strategic Information Systems* (incorporating International Information Systems) (JSIS)
- *Scandinavian Journal of Information Systems* (SJIS)

The focus of the session will be on the extent to which these non-North American journals reflect different value systems with respect to questions of rigor and relevance in Information Systems research, as well as the process by which the work of prospective authors is reviewed. The emphasis will be on what is similar and what is distinctive about these journals with respect to one another and to their North American counterparts, with Asia Pacific, European, Scandinavian and North American perspectives being provided by the panelists.

- Bob Galliers is editor-in-chief of *JSIS* and a member of the editorial boards of *AJIS, EJIS* and ISJ.
- David Avison is joint editor (with Guy Fitzgerald) of *ISJ*.
- Rob MacGregor is editor of *AJIS*.
- Peter Nielsen is editor of *SJIS*.
- Jon Turner is regional editor for the Americas of *JSIS*.