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Editor's Comments

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This issue marks the beginning of *MIS Quarterly Executive's* move to online-only printing. This change, which received overwhelming support from our subscribers, will help lower costs and is more environmentally friendly.

In addition to providing the papers online, we also provide podcasts and executive summaries. Beginning with the September 2014 issue, *MISQE* started issuing 3-5 minute podcast summaries of articles published in the journal. These podcasts are **available free to the public** and can be accessed in one of three ways: (1) listeners can find the podcasts by searching for "MIS Quarterly Executive" in iTunes or Zune; (2) listeners can subscribe to the podcast feed (the link can be found on the homepage of misqe.org); (3) listeners can download individual podcasts from the article pages of the misqe.org website. In addition, the staff of *MISQE* has recently begun the practice of posting two-page executive summaries / extended abstracts of published articles. These executive summaries are also **available free to the public**. These summaries can be found on the article pages of the misqe.org website. Though the posting of these summaries began in late 2014, summaries are available on the website for each issue since September 2013.

The first HICSS minitrack on practice-oriented research had good attendance and excellent discussion. One of the papers presented in the minitrack – "Late To the Game: Assessing IT Integration Risk After the Acquisition Target Has Been Identified," by Stefan Henningsson and William J. Kettinger – received the best paper award from the Organizational Systems and Technology track. The paper was one of 105 accepted to the track. Congratulations to Bill and Stefan! It was very rewarding to see a practice-oriented paper win the award. A revised version of the paper will appear in an upcoming issue of *MISQE*. We will also be offering this minitrack for HICSS 2016, which will again take place on the beautiful island of Kauai.

MISQE is pleased to be sponsoring [the practice-oriented research track for ICIS 2015](#). Martin Mocker and Huseyin Tanriverdi are the co-chairs of this track. Please consider submitting a paper and/or joining us for some exciting sessions.

We have three articles in this first issue of 2015. The first one, "Enterprise Social Media: Current Capabilities and Future Possibilities," by Jerry Kane, represents a new form of article, one that I would label a "practice-based review." The article presents a novel framework that describes the fundamental capabilities of social media. For each quadrant in the framework, Kane explains current knowledge and provides multifarious examples. Whereas a classical review might then provide questions for research or a theory for future research, Kane's article provides implications for managers.

The second article, "Achieving Academic-Industry Collaboration with Departmental Advisory Boards," by Munir Mandviwalla, Bruce Fadem, Michael Goul, Joey George, and David Hale, presents mini-cases of four departmental advisory boards. Their article highlights the benefits of IS advisory boards for faculty, students, and board members.

The final article in this issue is an interview piece. Mike Milovich presents an interview with Brian Donovan, founder of Donovan Leadership, who specializes in providing executive coaching to IT professionals. This interview article is one in a series of interviews we will publish. The interviews will feature highly experienced executives who have worked with a wide spectrum of CIOs over the course of their careers. We hope the interviews will be especially interesting to our SIM readers.

Speaking of SIM, each year in collaboration with SIM, *MISQE* holds a pre-ICIS workshop on a special topic. The topic for the workshop in Fort Worth this December, and the subsequent special issue, is "The Business and Organizational Impact of Digital Data Streams." Gabriele Piccoli, Richard Watson, and Federico Pigni will be the co-editors. Please visit the *MISQE* website for the call for abstracts for the workshop as well as information on the special issue. My sincere thanks go to Gabe, Rick, and Federico for their willingness to organize the workshop.

Happy Reading!

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