

## MESSAGE FROM SIM

SIM is pleased to have sponsored research highlighted in two of the articles in this issue. The perennial SIM Survey of Key Issues for IT Executives has once again been well summarized by Jerry Luftman and his associates at Stevens Institute of Technology. Notable findings include the selection of IT and business alignment as the number one issue for three years in a row; and the introduction of project management capability to the top ten list for the first time.

This segues well to the research on IT Workforce Trends, also sponsored by SIM. It was compiled by dedicated and willing volunteers from academia and industry. The study points out the significant need for in-house business acumen and project management skills.

The research, as summarized by these two articles, points out the need for academia and industry to collaborate on curricula that produce the talent needed to address the key issues for the remainder of this decade and for the foreseeable future.

Please join us in Dallas for SIMposium 2006, where key leaders will discuss these issues. The winners of the annual SIM paper competition will also be announced during the event. Visit <http://www.simnet.org/> to learn more about this important conference.



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