Editorial

The 2006 opening issue (No 3, Vol. 1) of the Technology Management and Information System Journal – RGTSI – offers academic community high interest articles. The present issue confirms the positive results imparted in 2004. RGTSI has shared high prestige among international readers and authors – who have sent in their contribution regularly. The 2005 closing edition included RGTSI statistical data on publications by authors from overseas: 43%. This shows the integration between researchers in Information Technology and Systems in Brazil and abroad, and gives visibility to Brazilian research in the international scenario.

In the Articles section in this issue four papers are presented: two of them from Argentinean researchers, and two Brazilian researchers. The first article is “Sistemas de Información: Nuevos Escenarios Basados en Ontologías” (Information Systems: New Ontology-Based Scenarios), by Graciela Elisa Barchini, Margarita María Álvarez, and Susana Herrea, from the College of Sciences and Technologies, National University at Santiago del Estero, Argentina. The article presents an overview to specify and communicate expertise over mastering in the different Information Systems scenarios from concept to modeling. The second article, “Benefícios da Arquitetura de Software Orientada a Serviços para as Empresas: Análise da Experiência do ABN AMRO Brasil” (Benefits from Software Architecture Focusing Corporate Services: An Analysis of ABN AMRO Bank Experience in Brazil) by Bernadete de Lourdes Marinho, FEA USP, Brazil, José Osvaldo De Sordi, Catholic University at Santos, Brazil, and Marcio Nagy, Department of Architecture and Infra-Structure, ABN AMRO Bank, Brazil. The article illustrates the relevance of integration among business support areas and core business when implementing Information Technology and Systems, and emphasizes the relevance of strategic alignment in the organization. “Workability of a Management Control Model in Service Organizations: a Comparative Study of Reactive, Proactive and Coactive Philosophies”, by Joshua Onome Imoniana, from the Methodist University at São Paulo, Brazil, is the third article. Its purpose is to compare three management control philosophies in decision making. The article is based on exploratory research and survey research, where results show the predominance of the reactive model over the others. “Rasgos Culturales Compartidos por Usuários de Sistemas Informáticos” (Cultural Aspects Shared by Information System Users), by Rosanna Costaguta and Marilena Maldonado is article number four. It identifies major cultural traces shared by Information Systems users at an Argentinean university.

As part of RGTSI tradition, the next issue will include the papers that had high relevance at the 3rd CONTECSI – International Conference on Information Systems and Technology Management. It is timely to remind all that RGTSI is available through an open electronic system to all who are interested. The RGTSI is one of University of São Paulo journals and is indexed at Latindex data base. All efforts will be focusing the inclusion of RGTSI in a wider number of data bases so that authors’ visibility, as well as their publications, reach wider availability.