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Editorial message

Dear Colleagues,

It is with pleasure to announce the new issue of the **Journal of Integrated Information Management (JIIM)** publication. JIIM is an international, multidisciplinary, blind peer-reviewed journal that publishes research efforts on all aspects and issues regarding Information Science and Integrated Information Management.

Expressing our commitment to promoting high-grade quality scientific papers, we present you with the current issue, which contains four articles.

The first paper examines the application of the European General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) to Greek companies. The research investigates the positive and negative impact of the implementation of the Regulations, 18 months after the new legislation went active, regarding technological, organizational and legal issues. Most importantly this paper highlights the significant role of the Data Protection Officer (DPO).

The following paper presents the PLUS information literacy model implementation in the context of a prison library, with the aim of helping second chance school learners to prepare a presentation on racism. The development of work plans in an informational organization environment, inspired by microteaching, can serve as a good example for promoting the application of informational models to their operation and services, as well as a pilot for the application of a work plan by educators and information scientists.

In the next paper readers will be informed of how an object can be examined by using S. Pearce's model for studying objects. Moreover, they will discover that the aforementioned model is a foundation stone in the study of material culture that enables any object to be perceived through a broader and more interesting feel for its inherent meaning, instead of exclusively through its narrow morphological sense.

The last paper discusses a new topic concerning the extension domain of subject - matter protected by patents, trademarks and copyright law regarding computer icons and graphical user interface. The extensive view of protectable subject - matter via intellectual property has blurred the clear delineation between patent, copyright, and trademark law, thus readers will be informed why it should only occur if it does not subvert the balance of intellectual property law per se.

We are aiming at making JIIM a reputable scientific communication channel, and we are now welcoming submissions for the upcoming journal issues as well as proposals for Special Issues. Your proposal should be no more than five pages and include at least an executive summary, a proper justification why the Special Issue is needed and how it is suitable with the JIIM topics. Special Issues proposals should be sent directly via email the Assistant Editor-in-chief (dkouis@uniwa.gr).

Finally, we expect your contribution and active support with remarks and points of improvement.

Assistant Professor - Assistant Editor-in-chief

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