Editorial

Welcome to the first issue in 2006. *Mobile Information Systems* is now one year old. It is perhaps now a good time to reflect our achievements.

Volume 1 last year had four issues, consisting of fourteen articles, coming from four continents, making the journal a true international. The selection process is done at two levels. Level one is a screening carried out by the editorial board. Only those papers passed level one will be sent to external reviewers for reviewing in the second level. A revised version of those papers that require major modifications were re-reviewed by the same reviewers who reviewed the initial version of the paper, in order to check whether the required and suggested changes have been done satisfactorily. More than 40 submissions have been received and processed. Therefore, the acceptance rate for publication in this journal is around one-third.

The turn around rate from the initial submission to the notification is around 6 months. We believe that this is quite reasonable, although we are keen to improve this by having a faster turn around rate.

The journal is already listed in the DBLP server (http://www.informatik.uni-trier.de/~ley/db/index.html). Some of the papers appeared in this journal have been well cited as recorded in http://scholar.google.com/.

We are starting the second volume (2006) by having four papers on various topics in mobile information systems, including data replication in mobile computing systems, mobility management, workflows in mobile networks, and sensor networks.
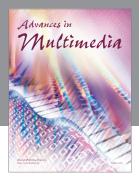
In looking ahead, we plan to improve the journal in a number of ways. Our main focus is to reduce the acceptance rate to around 20–25%, making the acceptance into this journal more competitive. We plan to index the journal in the Science Citation Index. We are also interested in receiving special issue proposals, particularly from those prestigious international conferences in mobile computing related areas.

Last but not least, I would like to thank the editorial board members and external ad-hoc reviewers for dedicating their time in reviewing papers. A special thank goes to the authors who have given their trust in publishing their research work in this journal.

2006 imposes many challenges, and I believe it will be an exciting as well as a rewarding year to us – the *Mobile Information Systems* team.

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