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Editorial

Welcome to the newly redesigned Journal of Information System Security. The redesign was initiated a few months ago to largely meet the needs of the new technology platforms. In months to come you will also see the roll out of the digital versions of the journal that incorporate the latest developments in publishing and distribution. Plans are also underway to begin publishing peer reviewed student papers as well as industry reports. In subsequent issues you will find several such features appear in the journal. A select number of peer-reviewed papers will continue to be the hallmark of the journal.

This issue of the journal has two very interesting articles. The first paper is by Norman Pendegraft of University of Idaho, USA. The paper titled "User Attitudes Toward Password Security: Survey and Simulation" presents a simulation of user preferences. Users were surveyed to understand their preferences for security in several situations. The data was then used to undertake a simulation. The findings suggest non-homogeneity in the preferences. Results suggest that user preference is significant in determining the evolution of system use. This is an aspect that should be of concern to the policy makers.

The second paper in this issue is by colleagues from The Netherlands. Gergely Alpár, Jaap-Henk Hoepman and Johanneke Siljee discuss the *Identity Crisis* in their paper titled "The Identity Crisis. Security, Privacy and Usability Issues in Identity Management". This is a conceptual paper that makes suggestions and recommendations to resolve the identity crisis, particularly with respect to security and privacy.

Collectively the papers make a useful contribution to the body of knowledge and we hope that you will find these to be useful. Security in organizations continues to be of significance. The nature and scope of challenges is broad and typically goes beyond the confines of a particular technology. Issues related with the social, organizational and behavior aspects equally confound the management of security. In particular user attitudes in management of privacy and identity are of significance and in the future are poised to be challenging issues to manage.