

## Editorial to IFIP SELECT, Volume 1, Issue 2

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*“The difficult number 2” of a new IFIP journal called IFIP SELECT with papers for IT-professionals*

When book authors and movie makers have a lot of success with their first book or their first movie we often talk about the difficult number 2.

Well this is number 2 of the first volume (year) of IFIP SELECT - a new journal from IFIP (International Federation of Information Processing).

Whether it was difficult – and/or successful – we will leave you to judge.

The purpose of initiating a new IFIP journal back in February 2019 was to obtain a better outreach and diffusion of some of the excellent research carried out and presented within IFIP’s Technical Committees and working groups. However, IFIP decided not just to gather and (re-)publish excellent research papers. We decided to ask the authors of the papers to write 2-3 pages adding information & discussion on the practice contribution of their research.

What you have here is the second issue of a new electronic journal with links to the originally published papers as well as to additional information on how the research contribution can be applied or influence practice.

Our aim with this additional information is to increase the value significantly for a member of a national computer society. The reason being that the members of IFIP are exactly the national computer societies. Thus we have aimed for an electronic format to which national computer societies easily can link and give access to their members. Thus, we hope to reach out to the many thousand members of national computer societies and IT professionals all over the world.

The way we put together an issue like this is the following. We invited all the chairpersons of IFIP Technical Committees to nominate excellent papers

where the research presented would be relevant to IT professionals. As a result of this invitation we received six nominations. Second, we contacted the authors and asked them whether they would be willing to write a 3-5 page paper in “addition” to their original research paper. Four out of the six set of authors for the nominated papers agreed to do that.

A month later we received the first draft of the four papers. A small editorial committee consisting of the New Zealand National Representative to IFIP Elizabeth Eastwood and myself Jan Pries-Heje, former chair of IFIP TC 8 and Danish National Representative to IFIP, then read and edited the papers. This review process was done with a view to what an IT professional would be interested in and wanting to read as well as whether the addition gave a good introduction to the research in the original paper.

The authors were then given 2-3 weeks to respond to the review comments. All four set of authors did that very professionally and addressed all of our comments. And then with a little final editing all papers were then ready for the second issue of IFIP SELECT. And here you have it. Enjoy!

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