Greetings! Welcome to another fine issue of Data Base for Advances in Information Systems.

In this issue we feature a fine paper by Warkentin, Moore, Bekkering and Johnston on the nature of risk in systems development work. The interesting aspect of this work is the notion that risk factors which may hinder development projects, while frequently viewed by development professionals as existing in discrete categories, may well be more holistic and arise from unique organizational culture aspects idiosyncratic to individual firms. This is a break from traditional views of risk issues in systems development, and is likely to give us much food for thought as we consider development practices in the modern and emergent organizational forms of the information age.

Also in this issue, we provide the last of a sequence of special articles brought from the Chinese chapter of AIS for your consideration. The annual meeting of the Chinese Association produced a number of fine papers, many with a decidedly technical flavor, and we wished to showcase some more of those here, following our last issue, which was dedicated to some of the more managerial papers that evolved from that Chinese Association conference. Herein, you will find some interesting work on emerging algorithms for the exploration of data streams (Wang et al.), the use of sequenced algorithms for applying AI approaches to the selection of virtual firm partners (Zhong et al.) and for the use of innovative algorithms to mine Web site data for purposes of fueling recommendation and personalization systems (Wei et al.). These are quite technical approaches, but very important for the effective management and control of the burgeoning online world of information that we are now inhabiting.

We are grateful to guest editors Guoqing Chen, Yu Chen and Kang Xie for bringing this interesting collection of scholarship from our Chinese Association colleagues to our pages. As part of the Editorial vision that Patrick and I have espoused, we anticipate Data Base will continue to lead in the development and publication of leading edge research, the world over.

To that end, we continue to welcome leading edge research from the four corners of the world at our online submission and review portal, found at <http://the-database.org>. We look forward to seeing some of your best work in these pages soon!

Until then, from Memphis, thank you. Thank you, very much.

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