Dear readers,

First of all I wish you all the best for the New Year 2013, the year we are kicking fourth Volume of the Journal of Systems Integration.

Systems integration today is not only process of linking together different computing systems and software applications physically or functionally, to act as a coordinated whole. It is also process of linking information needs of users with functions of the information system to add value to the system capabilities. In today’s connected world, the role of system integration is becoming more and more important and has become a very complex, multilevel and multidimensional task. Therefore the aim of our journal is to bring new and interesting insights into systems integration research area.

In this issue you can find answers to several important questions related to systems integration. How to align IT process with business goals and how to react flexibly to changing conditions within a short time? Answer to this question will offer you the first article written by Carsten Mueller. Article of Hossein Moradi and Ardeshir Bahreininejad shows how to achieve greater automation of business processes organizations face the challenge of integrating disparate systems. This article follows article of the same author published in Vol 1, No 4 of our journal. Time limit causes troubles to analysts and unnecessary complexity of the models in process modeling languages. Cause contemporary process modeling languages support capturing of the time limit only partially is this problem addressed in the article of Oleg Svatos.

Information technology and information systems penetrate and integrate with our everyday live. Information environment is still growing and is getting more and more complex. Therefore avoidance of information security incidents requires cooperation not only in technological area, but also across strategic, process, and organizational area how is showed in article of Jan Drtil. With overall development of Information and Communications Technology and its economic context then deals article of Ales Pajgrt.

Dear reader. I suppose you are regular reader of Journal of Systems Integration and I hope you will be also our faithful reader in the future. I am also sure, if you are just now the new reader; you will find in this issue a lot of interesting and useful information and will become regular reader of our journal.

Sincerely yours

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