

Preface

Research Trends in This Issue of AJICT

It is a pleasure to once again present to you the second issue of the AJICT. Since the publication of the first issue several important milestones have been reached. Firstly, the number of online readers of the Journal has grown significantly from a modest beginning to a stage when the review process can now be drawn from the list of readers much more easily.

Secondly, the AJICT continues to enjoy the patronage and review inputs of international reviewers drawn from Europe, the USA, the Pacific region and the African continent. The quality of the review process has grown significantly and we are grateful to those international reviewers for giving us their time and quality articles for publication.

Thirdly, indexing of the AJICT started from the maiden issue first in the OJS. From the third Issue of the Journal, it will be indexed by the ISI.

The papers in the second issue are derived from several critical areas. The first paper by Marr'on et al reports on an application of sensors in Germany for bridge monitoring for structural defects. Over the last couple of years, the application of sensor networks has grown steadily at the international level and this paper provides a basis for those researchers seeking new areas of inter-disciplinary research.

The second paper on orthogonal frequency division multiplexing (OFDM) discusses delay diversity in OFDM systems. Diversity has often been seen as a problem in telecommunication. However, in recent years, diversity including multipath, delay and spatial diversities have been shown to be useful techniques for achieving broadband wireless communications.

The paper on ultra wideband (UWB) antennas reports on recent advances in UWB antenna design. The authors have shown that both electric and magnetic monopole monopoles can lead to omni-directional UWB antennas.

Iera and Molinaro et al discusses the management of e-Services in heterogeneous networks. They have proposed situation and location as a powerful means of trade-off among user requirements, application constraints and the underlying network conditions.

The fifth paper in this issue deals with the important subject of Internet measurements. In a region of growing Internet usage, this paper provides a strong basis for those offering Internet services and in particular the African sub-region with the fundamentals and tools for measuring their internetworking performance.

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