A new IFIP journal called IFIP SELECT with papers for IT-professionals

IFIP SELECT is a new journal from IFIP (International Federation of Information Processing). This is the first issue ever. Published in February 2019.

The purpose of initiating a new IFIP journal is 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, we will not just gather and (re-)publish excellent research papers. We will do more than that. Hence, we have asked 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 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.

It is our hope that the additional information will 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 can link to e.g. on their national website. In that way we hope to reach out to the many thousand members of national computer societies and IT professionals all over the world

The way we have chosen and ensured the quality of the six papers in this first issue is the following. First, the idea of initiating a new journal was approved by IFIS’s publication committee and the IFIP General Assembly. Then we wrote a letter to all the chairpersons of IFIP Technical Committees asking them to appoint excellent papers where the research presented would be relevant to IT professionals. Third, we contacted the authors and asked them
whether they would be willing to write a 2-3 page paper in “addition” to their original research paper.

Following this process we received 6 additional 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.

After some back and forth with the authors about the edits and suggestions all papers were then ready for the first issue of IFIP SELECT. And here you have it. Enjoy!

Jan Pries-Heje

Editor-in-Chief, IFIP SELECT