

## NEWS

### Editor's message

At the start of the 7<sup>th</sup> volume I am happy to inform you of new journal developments. But first I want to thank the members of the editorial board for the fine peer-reviewing jobs they did. Other peer-reviewers outside the editorial board family include Elizabeth Beattie, Stefanie Becker, David Burdick, Yiwei Chen, Roger Coleman, Guy Dewsbury, Katinka Dijkstra, Katharina Echt, Francesco Franchimon, Alain Franco, Joy Goodman, Paul de Greef, Errol Hoffman, Florian Kaiser, Suzette Keith, Lorna Lines, Christopher Mayhorn, Anne-Sophie Melenhorst, Alex Mihailidis, Roger Morell, Dan Morrow, Alan Newell, Norman Nie, Topo Paivi, Guðbjörg Linda Rafnsdóttir, Kathy Segrist, Nina Silverstein, Constantine Stephanidis, Lauren E. Storck, Christine Sutter, Heidi White, Tony White, and Gill Whitney. Quality of contributions is assured in the hands of these enthusiastic researchers who are supported, of course, by our associate editors, who act on most of the manuscripts. For volume 6 in total 62 manuscripts have been processed of which 30 (48%) were accepted for publication.

I am happy to announce that Prof. Gari Lesnoff-Caravaglia PhD has joined us as associate-editor. She is well-known in the gerontechnology landscape, among other as founder and editor of the predecessor of Gerontechnology, the 'International Journal of Technology and Aging'. In Mag. Claudia Oppenauer the journal has acquired its second assistant-editor. Assistant-editors are mostly active in first and last checks of layout and language, which makes them of high importance for readability. We cannot miss them!

As to changes, we are discontinuing the inclusion of most of the world news and ISG business. This information is to be transferred to the website of the society, leaving more room for academic content in the journal. Due to financial constraints we are generally limited to 62 pages for each issue and will gain 2 to 4 pages by leaving out most of the news. Last but not least, DOI numbers will be assigned to future published contributions and the website currently is getting an overhaul.

We wish you interesting reading in this important society year containing the 6<sup>th</sup> International Conference in Pisa, Italy. Hope to see you in Pisa!

*The editors*

### i-CREATE 2008

In May 2008, Singapore's START Centre and Thailand's NECTEC will be jointly organizing i-CREATE 2008 ([www.start-centre.com/i-create2008](http://www.start-centre.com/i-create2008)). i-CREATE is dedicated to promoting aging and disabilities technologies and to improving the lives of those with developmental retardation and disabilities, their families and professionals who work with them.

For three days (13–15 May 2008) in Bangkok, Thailand, i-CREATE aims to attract over 3000 consumer and professional attendees including educators, medical professionals, family members, caregivers, senior citizens, and people with disabilities. They will be coming to i-CREATE from around the world looking for technology solutions for aging and disability, education, products and services.

Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn of the Kingdom of Thailand (photograph from Wikipedia) will be gracing i-CREATE 2008 and launch the event. In Thailand, she is often referred to as the 'Princess of Technology' or the 'Princess of Information Technology', due to her interest and expertise in applying science for the development of Thailand.

There will be a conference element in i-CREATE, and all accepted full conference papers will be published and indexed in ACM Digital Library. Selected best papers will also be included in a special Issue of 'Disability and Rehabilitation', an assistive technology journal published by Taylor & Francis.

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