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## **Editorial**

I am delighted to introduce the fourth edition of the ITB Journal, the academic journal of the Institute of Technology Blanchardstown. The aim and purpose of the journal is to provide a forum whereby the members of ITB, visitors and guest contributors from other third level colleges can publish an article on their research in a multidisciplinary journal. The hope is that by offering the chance to bring their work out of their specialised area into a wider forum, they will share their work with the broader community at ITB and other academic institutions.

In this issue we have again a diverse selection of topics. Thomas O'Loughlin of the University of Wales examines some Latin evidence for the idea of one island, one people, and one nation in Ireland. Stephen Sheridan of ITB, working within the domain of artificial intelligence, delivers a review of parallel mappings for feed forward neural networks via the backpropagation learning algorithm. Brian Nolan of ITB discusses the many spaces theory of Fauconnier in his paper on mental spaces and examines how the theory may be applied in cognitive semantics. Róisín Faherty of the Institute of Technology, Tallaght discusses many issues of concern in the development of Internet applications and highlights a number of important strategic considerations. Finally, an interesting paper by Kevin Martin of ITB looks at some historical and media perspectives on representations of the West of Ireland within popular culture.

With the publication of this edition we have reached our second birthday, a milestone of sorts, and hope that you enjoy the papers in this ITB Journal.

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