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Editorial

I am delighted to introduce the eight 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 rather large eight issue we have once again a diverse mix of interesting papers from across a range of different disciplines. Respect for cultural difference and diversity forms one of the major themes in this ITB Journal. In this regard we have a paper on Teaching Culture in Business Studies from Nathalie Cazaux; a study of Diversity in the Workplace by Fionnuala Darby, and a paper on Multiculturalism in Secondary Schools – a Linguistic, Socio-Political & Pedagogic Perspective, from Maria Kenneally. A collaborative research team, Kabita Shakya and Catherine Deegan of ITB, and Fran Hegarty, of the Department of Medical Physics and Bioengineering, St James's Hospital, Dublin, report on their work in a paper on the Determination of the frequency response of an end tidal CO₂ analyser. An ITB research team working on AI and computer games give us a paper on Pathfinding in Computer Games. The team are: Ross Graham, Hugh McCabe, and Stephen Sheridan. We have a paper on current thinking and issues in problem based learning: A Preliminary Investigation of the Role of Problem Based Learning (PBL), from Alan Pike and Declan Barber, of ITB. Frameworks and systems appropriate for next generation networks are discussed in two papers in this ITB Journal. These are: Embedded Systems in a Mobile Distributed IP Network by Conor Gildea and Declan Barber, and Towards a Framework for Modelling Multimedia Conferencing Calls in the Next Generation Network by Gavin Byrne and Declan Barber. A study of Internet usage in second level schools is given by Tom Nolan, of ITB and Mark Humphrys. School of Computer Applications. Dublin City University. The paper is called Problems with Internet and Library Usage For Secondary School Children. The final paper from Sandy Fitzgerald, Director of CultureWorks and former Director of the City Arts Centre, is entitled Space - The Final Frontier and is a critical review of the effects of consumerism within our society and reflects on the ghettoisation of inner space of the individual as a consequence of this. Once again, we hope that you enjoy the papers in this issue of the ITB Journal.

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