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The sixth issue of JISIB marks the journal's second anniversary. Again we are delighted to welcome contributions by academics from so many different countries, with so many different backgrounds. The academic contributions of our female authors continue to show also in this issue.

If this issue should have one common theme it would be related to Brazil. It is not a special issue on Brazil, but we saw the possibility to include three articles which relates to the experience of competitive intelligence in this country. However, the first article by Sheila Wright, Christophe Bisson, and Alistair Duffy entitled "Competitive Intelligence and Information Technology Adoption of SMEs in Turkey: Diagnosing Current Performance and Identifying Barriers" is on another topic and deals with SMEs need to improve intelligence-based output to decision-makers. Based on empirical findings the aim has been to identify and classify CI behaviour and attitudes of SMEs in Turkey.

The second article by A.S.A. du Toit is entitled "Comparative Study of Competitive Intelligence Practices between Two Retail Banks in Brazil and South Africa", where it is concluded that respondents in the bank in Brazil cope better with changes in the external environment.

The next article by Zhanna Abzaltynova and Janice Williams entitled "Developments in Business Intelligence Software" is an evaluation of BI vendors and software with extensive rankings.

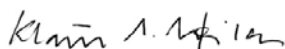
The article by Francisco Carlos Paletta entitled "Brazil - Evolutions in CI and some aspects of a current scenario", is a summary of research done on the introduction of competitive intelligence in Brazil. The article also gives a brief idea about its current status.

In the opinion section we have included an article by Francisco Carlos Paletta and Nilson Dias Vieira Junior entitled "ICT Lifecycle and its Major Role in The Development of Strategic Intelligence". It is an evaluation of the existing ICT framework for competitive intelligence in Brazil.

As always we would first of all like to thank the authors for their contributions to this issue of JISIB.

On behalf of the Editorial Board,

Sincerely Yours,



Dr. Klaus Solberg Søylen