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Special Issue Editor's Note

The purpose of this special issue is to contribute to the discussion and understanding of the current status and perspectives of digital forensics, security and law in different parts of the world.

Particular interest was given to comparative aspects of digital forensics and related disciplines, as they change from country to country. We were also looking for papers which were concerned only with local law or local forensic practices, in a non-comparative way, but contributed to the discussion of aspects of digital forensics under less generally known Law systems.

We have selected four papers for this issue, one from Malaysia, two from South Africa, and one from India.

We begin with "Computer Crimes: a Case Study of What Malaysia Can Learn from Others", by Janaletchumi Appudurai and Chitra Latha Ramalingam, from Malaysia. Unfortunately, Janaletchumi passed away in an accident when she was practicing rafting, and we bring our condolences to her family and friends. The paper examines Malaysia's computer crime legislation and compares it with that from other countries, namely, UK, USA and Singapore. The paper discusses the current computer crime situation in Malaysia, and what have been the difficulties faced. As the paper title clearly indicates, the main issue is what Malaysia can (or should?) learn from other countries in order to amend or fine tune their legislation, the Computer Crime Act of 1997.

The next paper is "Monitoring and Surveillance in the Workplace: Lessons Learnt? – Investigating the International Legal Position", by Verine Etsebeth, from South Africa. The paper discusses the situation in Canada, the United States and the United Kingdom, and shows that these countries have very different views on the protection that should be afforded to employees when dealing with monitoring and surveillance in the workplace.

Then comes the paper "The Evolution of Internet Legal Regulation in Addressing Crime and Terrorism", by Murdoch Watney, also from South Africa. This paper gives an worldwide overview of Internet legal regulation and its enforceability. This paper is a must read for anyone with the slightest interest in digital forensics, or security, or law, so I suggest you would better just go ahead and read it.

The last paper, "Information Technology Act 2000 in India - Authentication of E-Documents", by R. G. Pawar, B.S. Sawant and A. Kaiwade, from India. The paper discusses technological aspects of India's law regarding public key infrastructure and electronic document certification.

I would like to thank the authors for the interest in this special issue; their work makes the very substance of the Journal.

Also, I would like to very specially thank Prof. Glenn Dardick, our Editor-in-Chief, for my nomination as special editor for this issue.

Pedro Luís Próspero Sanchez
Editor

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The Journal of Digital Forensics, Security and Law is now calling for papers in, or related to, the following areas:

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- 8) Cyber Law Case Studies
- 9) Information Assurance Case Studies
- 10) Digital Forensics and Information Technology
- 11) Law and Information Technology
- 12) Information Assurance and Information Technology

To be considered for inclusion in the 2nd issue of the 2008 volume of the Journal of Digital Forensics, Security and Law, manuscripts should be submitted prior to midnight April 1st, 2008.

Call for Papers: Special Issue on Security Issues in Online Communities

The purpose of the special issue is to contribute to the discussion and understanding of the current status and perspectives of digital forensics, security and law as it applies to security issues in online communities.

Prospective authors are invited to submit regular technical papers or position papers. The later should present novel ideas at an early stage of development or share future vision. All the submissions should describe original and unpublished work, not currently under review by any other journal or conference.

All submitted papers will be blind reviewed with respect to their relevance, originality, adequacy, contribution, correctness, readability and presentation.

To be considered for inclusion in this special issue of the journal, manuscripts should be received no later than midnight (EDT) of December 31st, 2007. Prospective authors should submit an electronic copy of their complete manuscripts through the journal's manuscript tracking system at <http://www.jdfsl.org/submission.asp> or may be submitted by email to the special issue editor, Nick Flor, at nickflor@unm.edu.

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