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Preface

The growing interest in design science research in information systems continues unabated in 2012. Scholars and design practitioners from many areas such as information systems, computer science, medical informatics, and software engineering are drawn to this area for its ability to extend the boundaries of human and organizational capabilities. The outputs of DESRIST, new and innovative constructs, models, methods, processes, and systems provide the basis for novel solutions to design problems in many fields.

The seventh DESRIST conference, DESRIST 2012, held in Las Vegas built on the tradition and foundation of six prior highly successful international conferences held in Claremont, Pasadena, Atlanta, Philadelphia, St. Gallen, and Milwaukee.

The title of this volume, *Design Science Research in Information Systems: Advances in Theory and Practice,* reflects the breadth of the field, the continuing interest in DESRIST theory formulation and development, and the degree to which this highly practical form of research is influencing design practice in business and government. The subheadings of the table of contents for the proceedings reflect the extent of design science research and its applications: Theory and Theory Building (13% of submissions), DSRIS Methodologies and Techniques (6.5%), Social and Environmental Aspects of DSRIS (19%), DSRIS in Practice (45%), and Evaluation of DSRIS projects (16%). This year a substantial majority of the papers described the application of design science research to real-world design problems in both industry and government. This was an interesting shift that complemented the proceedings of the previous DESRIST conferences in which theory and theoretical papers dominated.

Forty-four papers were submitted to the conference for review. Each paper was reviewed by at least two referees. The reviews were double blind, meaning that each of the two groups – authors and referees – remained anonymous to one another. Twenty-four papers were accepted as full length research papers and seven papers as short papers.

We thank the authors who submitted papers to DESRIST 2012, and trust the readers will find the papers as interesting and informative as we did. We would like to thank the members of the Program Committee as well as the additional referees, who took the time to provide detailed and constructive reviews to the authors. We would also like to thank the other members of the Organizing

Committee, as well as the volunteers, whose dedication and effort helped bring about another successful conference. We believe the papers in the DESRIST 2012 proceedings provide several interesting and valuable insights into the theory and practice of design science, and they open up new and exciting possibilities for research in the discipline.

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