

## OUTSTANDING PAPER AWARDS

The Outstanding Paper Awards have been the backbone of the MERI Journal of Management & Information Technology for Excellence. As the winners are chosen by a journal editorial team, the winning authors have confidence in knowing that their paper was one of the most impressive pieces of work from the previous year: therefore, winning this award helps to enrich an author's CV and future publications.

### Judging Process

The Editorial Board (EB) of MERI journal of Management & Information Technology will select a winner of the 'Outstanding Paper' award from the previous year's volume.

An editor-in-chief asks the editorial board to pick three papers and rank those with a numerical score (1-3). When all editorial board members' choices are collated, there is then usually one clear winner.

### **The following factors are prerequisites in any paper:**

- Contribution of something new to the body of knowledge either in terms of approach or subject matter.
- Excellent structure and presentation.
- Well-written.
- Relevance – to practice and further research, in most cases.
- Up-to-date – demonstrating that the latest/key works in the field have been cited.
- A work which is clearly within the editorial scope and MERI journal of Management & Information Technology.
- Over and above those factors, different types of paper require different approaches and content.
- A top quality literature review, an innovative conceptual exploration and a really well-constructed case study will do different things and can all demonstrate excellence in their own way.
- Ultimately, an outstanding paper should have the something that makes it stand out from the rest and which the editorial board can recognize and define for the rest of us.