Editorial

Welcome to the first issue of the new editorial board of the SJIS. It is an editorial board marked more by (still youthful?) enthusiasm than years and years of editorial experience. Our ambition is to cultivate the traditional aim of the SJIS to provide a realistic publication avenue for Scandinavian based research of a variety of types, including distilling selected contributions from the annual IRIS conference into quality publications.

In addition, we emphasise more strongly – as signalled by the modified scope declaration of the SJIS – the simultaneous ambition of developing an identity, a profile and a “brand” grounded in a research perspective. This profile supplements the more geographically scope of the SJIS. It would obviously be senseless to try to compactly define and package this profile; it needs to be performed. It would also defeat the tradition of multi-vocality. Yet, the general direction is to encourage detailed, theoretically informed, critical and constructive studies of socio-technical interplay, inquiring into the complexities, contradictions and dynamics rather than presenting purifications.

In an effort to streamline the pace of the review and production process, we have decided to return to only one ordinary issue a volume, with an optional special issue at demand. We have also centralized the reviewing process and (self-)imposed tighter deadlines for responding to contributing authors.

For the present volume, we are grateful to the former editorial board in planning the section edited by Karl Kautz on software process improvement in Scandinavia.

Enjoy!

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