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Foreword

AIM 2006 was the most important conference in the field of Information Systems and Management for French speaking researchers in 2006. The conference explored the area of information systems and collaboration. In order to widen participation, AIM 2006 also welcomed submissions from the non-French speaking research community.

The use of “e-Business” technologies is increasing substantially. This is partly due to the growing co-operation between organizations in the private sector. One outcome of this evolution has been the increasing adoption of customer-focused processes. This trend has an effect on the internal processes of the participating organizations; for example, they may become more centralized or de-centralized. Such changes have an impact on the technical, economic and human aspects of the organization.

The field of "e-Government" focuses on how public sector organizations can evolve their management systems in order to enhance the quality and speed at which services are provided to citizens and business actors. The pressure to adapt and improve the structures has led to the widespread adoption of Information Systems, with such systems being a critical aspect of many government strategies. In addition, a key aspect of the development of such systems is the use of Internet technologies, which provide a backbone in both “e-Business” and “e-Government” applications.

Drawing on the twin themes of “e-Government” and "e-Business”, the conference had explored up to date research questions in the field of e-Collaboration. By studying established practices as well as the state-of-the-art the conference provided an ideal platform to develop further knowledge in the economic, technical and human aspects of IT Systems and Management.

The best papers presented at the 11th International Conference of the Association Information and Management (AIM) held in Luxembourg from June 8th to 9th are published in this book. We hope that the selected contributions of the AIM 2006 will become a valuable resource for everyone interested in "e-Collaboration”.

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