

Editorial

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Innovation, technology and university management are the keywords of the Dossier in this number of *RUSC*—Universities and Knowledge Society Journal. The relationship between these three concepts is the core aspect of various good practices and research findings presented in the six articles of the Dossier.

Information and communication technologies (ICTs) have had a considerable impact on university management in recent decades. While that impact was first mentioned in the Dossier of Volume 2, Number 1 of *RUSC* in 2005, it has also been the topic of a number of research articles published in the journal since then. If the use of ICTs in universities is appropriate, that is to say, if it is the outcome of strategic planning, then it undeniably leads to changes in management. In most cases, such changes enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of basic management processes. To illustrate this, some examples are open content repositories (which most universities now have), digital document management policies (which include the management of scholarly documents) and student care systems (which provide services via social networks like Twitter and Facebook).

In the Dossier coordinated by Dr Francisco Rubio, the articles offer several analyses of findings on the relationship between technology, university management and innovation. Professor Rubio has proven experience as a university manager (he was the rector-founder of the University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, a post that he occupied for over a decade), and his works on university management and innovation have been published widely. His coordination of the Dossier facilitated the review, assessment and selection of the six articles from the many manuscripts submitted. The outcome is a consistent, rigorous Dossier that provides contrasting examples of the use of technology in university management.

Regarding the journal as a whole, I would firstly like to draw *RUSC* subscribers' attention to fact that every article now published in the journal has a Digital Object Identifier (DOI), which we register with CrossRef. This categorical improvement means that *RUSC* now complies with the ISO standard approved in 2010 and with ISO 26324 published in May 2012, which defines the syntax for a DOI name. A DOI is a unique identifier of an article because it preserves its metadata and citation data. Later on, the DOI system will allow the *RUSC* team to find out exactly how often an article has been cited.

Secondly, in order to expand the international scope of *RUSC* and to enhance its positioning, experts in the thematic areas of the journal continue to be incorporated into its Scientific Editorial Board, which now has 50 members.

Finally, I would like to highlight the improvement that *RUSC* has experienced in the composite index of secondary dissemination (ICDS) of the MIAR database; it is now at 9,403, thus making it the top journal in its field.

I sincerely hope that you find this number of *RUSC* both interesting and enjoyable.

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