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From the JIBC Editor-in-Chief

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We are 15.....

Yes, JIBC started 15 years back as online journal addressing the needs of upcoming internet banking and online payment industry. Since, than JIBC has established itself as world leading & probably most authoritative academic-business journal.

I would take this opportunity to thank our publisher Nahum Goldmann who has funded JIBC from his own resources & supported it in difficult times. I want to thank Gordon Jenkins who was the first editor for JIBC in 1996; in fact, Gord was responsible for getting me on board in 2004.

I am taking liberty of carrying this special message from Gord who has sent me through email:

"Most of you must have noticed we have entered in our 15th issue, which would mean JIBC is completing 15 glorious years online. I must thank our authors, editors and readers for continuous support of JIBC. The special thanks goes to Nahum Goldmann the Publisher of JIBC for taking the mental of setting up an online journal in the adolescent age of internet. Three Cheers to everybody!!!

Special congratulations for 15 years to both of you, I am proud of both of you! Three cheers

Ps: The first ten years are always the hardest dont you find??

Gord "former JIBC person"

In this issue we have 16 fantastic articles. I invite you to provide comments, observations, and views to the authors.

Particularly, I would like you to read article by Prabir Neogi and Arthur J. Cordell on Internet Governance. IG has emerged important field of interest among practitioners & academicians in past few years. There are 1.8 billion internet users in the world, which means over 20% of the world population is now 'hooked'. Organizations like ISOC, ICANN and IGF are propagating free & fair 'Internet for All'. I think Internet is a great representation of free world, free speech; it is a medium which has bought different societies, regions, countries, people together. We are sitting on a brink of a global revolution and this time it will be not through wars but through keyboard. We should strive to make Internet as 'Fundamental Right' for every human being on earth.

Coming back to celebration of 15 years of JIBC, JIBC says "I am just 15..... let me go out & party tonight cheers!!"

Nikhil Agarwal