

## Special Issue Editorial



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I would like to personally thank for the great opportunity offered to me to act as the Guest Editor of this special issue, devoted to “Advances in Business Research International Conference - ABRIC 2020/21”, a scientific online event which was held virtually on 26 – 27 January 2021. ABRIC is an international congress organised by the Faculty of Business and Management (FBM), and Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) Selangor, Malaysia. ABRIC was organised successfully by FBM, UiTM Selangor in 2015 and 2016 in Langkawi, Kedah, Malaysia. The 2020 edition of the conference was initially planned to be organised in March 2020. However, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, it was postponed to January 2021, thus providing the opportunity and the challenge of organizing the event online, for the first time.

ABRIC 2020/21 with the theme “Advancing Knowledge, Embracing Digital Economy” is aimed to provide an avenue for postgraduate students, academicians as well as practitioners, locally and from abroad, to present their research papers and exchange ideas with regards to the broad spectre of digital economy. Since 2015, ABRIC has invited international and local speakers, both from academia and the industry, to share their knowledge and experiences in the area of Social Science as well as Science and Business Technology.

The goal of the Romanian Journal of Information Technology and Automatic Control – RJITAC special issue, was set to collect high-quality contributions presented previously during the online sessions of ABRIC 2020/21. The publication committee of the conference led by Associate Professor Dr. Siti Noorsuriani Maon selected 10 accepted ABRIC papers related to the information technology area to be published in this special issue. These ten papers were selected based on the relevance to the RJITAC special issue.

The papers were internally reviewed by the ABRIC 2020/21 reviewers who are experts in the area before being submitted to the journal editor. Once again, these ten papers have been

reviewed by the journal editor and the selected reviewers with the aim to ensure the papers are of good quality that can be published in this special issue. The authors were asked to revise their papers for journal publication and to comply with the RJITAC journal requirements.

The revised papers again went through the normal journal-style review process and were finally presented to the readers in the present form. The journal team appreciates the willingness of the authors and the ABRIC 2020/21 publication committee to help in organizing this special issue.

The papers in this special issue cover topics related to the usage of social media in IR 4.0 business, Digital Crowdsourcing Platform, Retail Halal Control Point, blockchain technology from the Islamic Financial System perspective, Technostress Creator and Work-Life Balance. It is the Editor's hope that the selection has been meticulous and that it will benefit the ABRIC 2020/2021 community as well as the readers that they will enjoy this special issue.