

## **From the Editors**

With this issue, the IJDE begins its second year. We want to thank the contributors, editorial staff, the ECII, ARFL, and the many friends of the IJDE for helping make it a reality.

The three articles in this issue explore various theoretical and practical aspects of digital forensics, all adding to our growing knowledge of this emerging field. The Willassen article, *Forensics and the GSM Mobile Telephone System*, discusses the GSM system and the evidence items that can be obtained from the mobile equipment, SIM, and core network. Current tools and forensic procedures are assessed with an eye toward future needs. In *New Accounting Reform Laws Push For Technology-Based Document Retention Practices*, Patzakis explores the new electronic data retention and preservation issues arising from new regulations such as the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. Compliance with these new rules and regulations by public companies and their auditors requires the implementation of systematic protocols and procedures for the recovery of computer-based evidence. The Adelstein article, *MFP: The Mobile Forensic Platform*, presents a tool for performing remote network forensics. The proof of concept offers an interesting solution to the difficult task of conducting investigations in a remote environment.

We are actively soliciting articles for the Summer 2003 issue. Articles must be submitted by May 31, 2003 to provide time for the peer review process.

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