

## From the Editors

We were overwhelmed with the reception to the inaugural issue. Word spread very quickly about the journal and the resulting hit rate was remarkable. Individuals from 38 countries have visited the site. We felt there was a strong need for such a journal, but underestimated the response.

The three articles in this issue, which have been peer reviewed according to our formal review process, provide insight into key aspects for fraud management and the perception of economic crime. The Rebovich and Kane article, *An Eye for an Eye in the Electronic Age: Gauging Public Attitude Toward White Collar Crime and Punishment*, presents results of a national public survey of 1,169 households throughout the U.S. that challenge common perceptions of white collar crime. The authors state that the results tend to reflect the tenor of the times as "... many now believe that fraud can be as serious or more serious than certain types of street crimes." Lynch, in her article, *The Risk of Alternative Internet Payments*, discusses the alternative Internet payment systems which have been created as an option for consumers to use in lieu of credit cards, debit cards, and checks while conducting electronic commerce on the web. As many of these payment systems operate outside government regulations, the author identifies the risks and makes recommendations to mitigate the exposure to potential unlawful activity. In *Revenue Assurance, Fraud & Security in 3G Telecom Services*, Johnson presents the state of the 3G sector today, the nature of the threats to 3G operators and to society at large, and the possible abuses of some features of these new services. The aim of the paper is to start a dialogue within the industry about the collective steps needed to avoid or mitigate these problems.

In order for the Journal to continue to be successful, the key contributors in this field must embrace it. In that spirit, we welcome offers of support, including article submission, peer reviewers, and constructive comments. Gary Gordon can be reached at [ggordon@utica.ucsu.edu](mailto:ggordon@utica.ucsu.edu). George Curtis can be reached at [gcurtis@utica.ucsu.edu](mailto:gcurtis@utica.ucsu.edu).

The Winter 2002 issue will be online in late December. Its theme is "The Nexus of Economic Crime, Information Assurance, and Terrorism." We encourage the submission of manuscripts related to this topic. Submission must be received by November 22, 2002. The Spring 2003 issue will be published in late March 2003. Submissions for that issue must be received prior to February 20, 2003.

Please share the JECM with your colleagues, students, organizations whose focus is related to economic crime and fraud management, and others who may find the information in the journal valuable. We thank you in advance for your support in this important endeavor.

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## **Economic Crime Investigation Institute (ECII) of Utica College**

The mission of the Institute is to support education and research in economic crime and computer security, with the aim of providing a reliable resource for innovative solutions to corporate, government, and law enforcement entities.

The development of the Journal of Economic Crime Management (JECM) has been funded by the ECII. It is one more way that the ECII provides resources for innovative solutions to the community.

The ECII provided support in 1988 for the first undergraduate program in Economic Crime Investigation in the United States. Information on that program is available at [http://www.ecii.edu/academ\\_undergrad.html](http://www.ecii.edu/academ_undergrad.html). In 1999, the Institute helped launch the only graduate program of its kind in North America, the Master's Degree In Economic Crime Management. The program details can be viewed at [http://www.ecii.edu/academ\\_grad.html](http://www.ecii.edu/academ_grad.html) and [http://www.utica.edu/gce/graduate/ecm\\_masters.htm](http://www.utica.edu/gce/graduate/ecm_masters.htm).

The Institute has sponsored twelve annual conferences with themes related to economic crime, information security, and computer crime. The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference will be held October 27-29, 2002 at the Ritz-Carlton Tysons Corner, McLean, VA. The theme of the conference is *The Nexus of Economic Crime, Information Assurance, and Terrorism*. Information on the conference is located at <http://www.ecii.edu/conferences2.html>.

The Directors of the Economic Crime Investigation Institute (ECII) at Utica College and Utica College provided initial funding for the JECM. Utica College will support and house the JECM.

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