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ABSTRACT

Publishing research in reputable academic journals is an important objective for researchers in digital government, as in any scientific field. Researchers are under constant pressure to publish their work in highly reputable journals. As a result, a number of facts and myths exist regarding publishing in reputable digital government journals. The aim of this panel is to discuss prevalent facts and myths in an attempt to demystify publication of digital government research. For that purpose, editors-in-chief of five key journals in the area have been invited to provide guidance and answer relevant questions.

CCS CONCEPTS

• **Applied computing** → **E-government**.

KEYWORDS

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1 INTRODUCTION

Every researcher aims to publish their results in reputable scientific journals. The same is true in the field of digital government. Understanding what is needed to publish research in top journals

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constitutes key knowledge. This knowledge is important and can influence career decisions particularly for emerging scholars, who are investigating different research paths. The fact that digital government is multidisciplinary or trans-disciplinary with a short history makes this knowledge even more important.

This panel will seek answers to a number of relevant facts and myths. With the assistance of editors-in-chief of five key journals in the field of digital government we will attempt to demystify the area hopefully providing relevant and timely information to fellow colleagues.

2 OBJECTIVES

The main objective of this panel is to discuss facts and myths related to publishing digital government research in key journals. Some examples follow:

- Digital government field does not have reputable journals indexed by organizations like Web of Science, Scopus etc. Fact or myth?
 - If this is a myth, are there concrete examples?
- Digital government is multidisciplinary hence a rigorous research methodology is not needed for a reputable publication. Fact or myth?
 - If this is a myth, Digital government journals favor specific research methodologies. Fact or myth?
 - * If this is a fact, which are these methodologies?
- Technical aspects of digital government research cannot be published in a reputable digital government journal. Fact or myth?
- Deliverables from research projects funded by reputable research programmes (e.g. Horizon 2020) are accepted in journals. Fact of myth?
 - If this is a myth, what does it take to have a research accepted?

We will also ask each editor-in-chief to share a myth that they have encountered working with the prospective authors. More

importantly, each EIC will help us address the myth with relevant facts.

The participating editors-in-chief are:

- Soon Ae Chun – Digital Government: Research and Practice (DGOV)
- Marijn Janssen – Government Information Quarterly (GIQ)
- Albert Meijer – Information Polity
- Nripendra P. Rana - International Journal of Electronic Government Research (IJEGR)
- Anna Visvizi – Transforming Government: People, Process and Policy (TGPPP)

This year, dg.o conference will be conducted online. As a result, we envisage this panel to be conducted in two parts. First, a discussion with the panelists will be recorded. Second, a live session will be organized during the conference providing the opportunity to participants to ask the panelists for clarifications or additional information.

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