Dear Colleague:

The Information Systems Education Conference, better known as ISECON, is unique among the many conferences that a faculty member interested in information technology can attend, because of its long history, its compelling sessions, and the powerful camaraderie shared by those who attend. Each year, we are given the chance to come together and learn from each other.

This week, thanks to Stuart Varden's capable leadership, we are able to gather together once again to explore the frontiers of information systems education. We are grateful to the large team of folks who have worked so hard to bring this event into being. In particular, we deeply appreciate the efforts of the many authors, reviewers, presenters, panelists, workshop instructors, keynote speakers and the ever-faithful members of the ISECON Committee. We are especially indebted to those who have worked to handle local arrangements, logistics, registration, the ISECON website, and the myriad assortment of other activities needed to make this national conference function so smoothly.

Anyone who has ever worked on the proceedings of a conference of this magnitude can offer powerful testimony regarding the sheer scale of the effort. I would like to offer a special note of thanks to Bill Tastle, Susan Feather, Michael Payne and Don Colton for their willingness to do the hard work needed to attract the scholarly works to be presented at ISECON 2001 and to assemble them into a superb conference and *Proceedings*.

The Foundation for Information Technology Education exists to advance the state of education and practice in the Information Technology profession. We are fortunate to have the Education Special Interest Group (EDSIG) of the Association of Information Technology Professionals (AITP) as our partner in developing the ISECON meeting each year. Through this meeting, we hope to offer a forum in which information technology educators can come together, learn, and return home to the classroom to shape the skills, knowledge and character of tomorrow's information technology professionals.

On behalf of the Board of Regents of the Foundation for Information Technology Education, I would like to offer our profound gratitude to those who have participated in our efforts to build on the unique partnership that draws on the combined strengths of EF, EDSIG, and AITP. In particular, a note of thanks goes to EDSIG President David Feinstein, AITP President Nita Adams, AITP Executive Vice President Kevin Jetton, and our fellow EF Regents who worked with the ISECON 2001 team, William Reaugh and William Lackey.

We hope that you find ISECON 2001 to be a valuable networking and professional development experience! We also hope that you will join us in the future at ISECON 2002 and beyond.

Sincerely,

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