

## Message from the Chairman



I am delighted to present the Spring Issue, Volume XII, of the HETS Online Journal. This issue integrates new areas of interest, including student retention and assessment and the critical topic of student access. Furthermore, this issue also includes the impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic and the new academic scenario. Also, we would like to highlight that this publication included the ISSN 2693-9193 number that has been assigned to our Online Journal. This activity is the first phase of the plan to increase the journal's visibility after analyzing the 38 criteria for evaluation of electronic journals by the LATINDEX Organization. I invite you to share the link to this journal with your colleagues. Moreover, if you have an innovative project or would like to share your knowledge and experience in any of these areas impacting higher education, please consider submitting an article for the next issue to be published in Fall 2022.

HETS is completing the final phase of its plan to transform our HTML-published journal into one published on an editorial platform. This phase includes facilitating the acquisition of the Direct Object Identifier (DOI) for articles, setting up the journal and author information for each and their subsequent PDF conversion, creating web pages in the Open Journal System, and the addition of past numbers and issues of HETS Online Journal to the platform. This new platform will require reviewing the guidelines to submit an article and the Publishing Agreement for alignment with the new system and Creative Commons license recommended by the Editorial Board. Both new guidelines and Agreement will be announced during Summer 2022. Still, we encourage you to start working on your article to take advantage of the opportunity to share your knowledge on the new dedicated and enhanced platform.

Finally, we invite new reviewers to collaborate in this effort and benefit from the experience and recognition in this editorial platform. If you are interested in serving as a reviewer, please submit your interest to [info@hets.org](mailto:info@hets.org). We are confident this Journal conversion will attract more authors to submit their articles. Don't miss the opportunity to be part of this initiative!

Sincerely,

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