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Huei Lee, Ph.D.

It is my pleasure to present the *Transactions of the International Conference on Health Information Technology Advancement*, which is related to the ICHTA-2013 held in the Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan on October 17-18, 2013. Firstly, I would like to express my appreciation to Bernard Han, Program Director of the Center for HIT Advancement, and Sharie Falan, the Associate Director of the Center for HIT Advancement, for their outstanding leadership. Through their help, the editorial process became easier and smoother.

This was the second year to publish the Conference Transactions. This year, we have obtained ISSN numbers for the Transactions in both hard copy (2168-6335) and CD-ROM (2168-6343) editions. As the transactions editor, I personally believe that we cannot attract the attendance of faculty from accredited or research universities without publishing refereed publications. Attending an academic/professional conference often means a chance for tenure or tenure-track faculty to gain useful knowledge in both teaching and research. The purpose of this conference is not only to discuss the information systems of health care applications, but also to discuss academic curriculum trends and critical issues related to health care information systems. This year we received far more submissions than we had expected. This volume contains about twenty two refereed papers in seven categories, developed by more than forty authors and co-authors. These papers have been gone through a rigorous double-blind review process. The Transactions publishes hard copy, CD, and online edition. The best papers will be considered for publication in the coming issues of *International Journal of Healthcare Information Systems and Informatics*. Secondly, I want to thank the authors, presenters, and reviewers for their persistent hard work for these papers/reviews for the Transactions of the ICHITA-2013 conference. I know that it was a lot of hard work, but it was well worth.

Finally, I would like to sincerely thank everyone again for their participation in the ICHITA-2013. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as the transactions editor. Without your help and support, the Transactions would not have been possible. In addition, the committee will greatly appreciate it if you can provide them with ideas and issues so that they can improve the quality of the Transactions in the future. We wish you enjoy the conference in Western Michigan University and look forward to seeing you again in future ICHITA conferences.