

Move to promote research in IS

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The Centre for IT and the Networked Economy (CITNE) at the Indian School of Business (ISB) Hyderabad, and the School of Information Systems (SIS) at the Singapore Management University (SMU), have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to promote collaborative research in Information Systems (IS).

The MOU was signed by Professor Ravi Bapna, Executive Director for the Centre for IT and the Networked Economy (CITNE) at the ISB, and Professor Steven Miller, Dean, School of Information Systems, SMU.

Ravi Bapna, Executive Director, CITNE at the ISB, said by joining forces, CITNE and SIS-SMU will

create a virtual pool of world class IS management faculty that will tackle issues of importance to the burgeoning South Asian IT/ITeS industry.

Steven Miller, Dean of the School of Information Systems, SMU, said: "India and Asia are increasingly the leading edge sources of experimentation and innovation in the global IT service industry and this collaboration in research and educational initiatives will guide the development of IT management.

The agreement is for an initial period of three years, starting July 1, 2007. Through the agreement, the Information Systems Management faculty at ISB and SMU will collaborate to develop new thinking and practices in areas such as business intelligence & analytics, e-market design for emerging economies, the economics of software licensing and software as a service, managing the transition to new enterprise platforms, IS technology & management issues in the banking and trading sectors, next generation IT sourcing and IT governance.

Along with initiating joint research projects, ISB and SMU will conduct annual joint workshops and video-conference their research

seminars, both in Singapore and in India, in order to share latest research findings in Information Systems.

CITNE promotes analytical, empirical and field experiment oriented partnerships between researchers and industry. It provides a platform for meaningful collaboration between the global IS research community and the burgeoning, global-scoped Indian IT industry.

SMU's School of Information Systems was established in 2003 through a close collaboration with Carnegie Mellon University, a top American university in the field of information technology.

Today, SMU is home to over 4,700 students.