

## RESUME OF IZAK BENBASAT

Izak Benbasat, Fellow-Royal Society of Canada, is CANADA Research Chair in Information Technology Management at the Sauder School of Business, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada.

He was Associate Dean (Faculty Development) from 1996 to 1999, and Associate Dean, Research, from 2001 to 2002.

**Education:** Professor Benbasat received his B.A. (1969) in Business Administration from Robert College, Istanbul, and Master of Science (1971) and Ph.D. (1974) in Management Information Systems (MIS) from the University of Minnesota.

**Research Interests:** Professor Benbasat's current research interests in information technology (IT) utilization include: 1) *evaluating human-computer interfaces* for web-based interface design to facilitate business-to-consumer electronic commerce; 2) *investigating the role of explanations in intelligent support systems* in improving user productivity and knowledge transfer to users; and 3) *measuring IT-related competencies*, namely, IT knowledge in line managers and business competence in IT professionals, and their impact on the effective deployment of IT. The general theme that links his areas of research interest is improving the communication between IT, management, and IT users. This communication exists at different levels and has different facets, e.g., interaction between individual managers and intelligent decision support systems, customers and web sites, and communication between IT professionals and line managers.

### **Publications:**

(see <http://mis.sauder.ubc.ca/members/benbasat/home.htm>)

**Editorships:** Professor Benbasat is currently a Senior Editor of the *Journal of the Association for Information Systems*, and is on the editorial boards of *Information Systems Journal* and *Journal of Management Information Systems*. He was editor-in-chief of *Information Systems Research*, the Editor of the Information Systems & Decision Support Systems Department of *Management Science*, a Senior Editor of *MIS Quarterly*, the first Senior Associate Editor of the *MIS Quarterly* for theory and research, and on the editorial boards of *Accounting, Management & Information Technologies*, *International Journal of Man-Machine Studies*, *Accounting Review*, *Canadian Journal of Administrative Sciences* and *Contemporary Accounting Research*.

**Awards, Professorships, Grants:** Professor Benbasat was elected to the Academy of Humanities and Social Sciences of the Royal Society of Canada in 2005. He became a Fellow of the Association for Information Systems in 2002. He was appointed to a CANADA Research Chair in 2001. He received the University of British Columbia Killam Research Prize in 1998 and the Killam Teaching Prize in 1996, the *MIS Quarterly* Distinguished Scholar Award in 1993, and the University of British Columbia Killam Memorial Research Fellowship in 1988-89. He was CANFOR Professor of Management Information Systems from 1991 to

2001.

He was invited to spend the 1985-86 academic year at the Harvard Business School as a Marvin Bower Fellow. He was the Cycle & Carriage Visiting Professor in the Department of Decision Sciences, National University of Singapore, in 1995, the Hooker Distinguished Visiting Professor at the DeGroot School of Business, McMaster University, in 1996, a visiting professor at ESADE, Barcelona and City University of Hong Kong, in 1997 and 2002, and the Shaw Visiting Professor in the Department of Information Systems, School of Computing, The National University of Singapore (August-November 2000).

His research work has been supported over the last 25 years by grants from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) and the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC). He received the Samuel Bronfman (Seagram) Senior Research Award, and the Workshop in Business Research award from the University of Western Ontario.

**Conference Administration and Participation:** Professor Benbasat was the program co-chair of the 1998 Association for Information Systems Americas Conference. He served as the program chair (1991) and the conference co-chair (1994) of the International Conference on Information Systems (ICIS). He participated in: the Canadian Accounting doctoral consortium (1982), the American Accounting Association doctoral consortium (1985), the Decision Sciences Institute doctoral consortium (1986), the Canadian MIS doctoral consortium (1991), the New Zealand Conference on Information Systems doctoral Consortium (1996), the Canadian Administrative Sciences Association doctoral consortium (ASAC 2001), the Pacific Asia Conference on Information Systems (PACIS 2001), and the ICIS doctoral consortium (1980, 1981, 1982 (chair), 1990, and 1998). He was a keynote speaker at the Pacific Asia Conference on Information Systems (PACIS 1995, 2001), the Administrative Sciences Association of Canada Conference [MIS Division] (1996), the New Zealand Conference on Information Systems (1996), and the 2001 ICIS doctoral consortium.

**Professional Activities:** Professor Benbasat is a member of the international review committee for the Department of Information Systems, School of Computing, National University of Singapore, and has served as its external examiner (1998-2000). He has served as an educational consultant, writer and national examiner for the Certified General Accountants Association (CGA) of Canada in the area of information systems. He was a member (1987-89) and chairperson (1988-89) of the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Research Grants Adjudication Committee for Business Administration & Industrial Relations.

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