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## Editor's Notes

By Howard Callif

The year seems to be flying by! It's hard to believe the deadline for the October issue has arrived! We have had a lot of people step-up and provide articles on a wide range of topics. This edition has two articles on the importance of technology in the increasingly complex world of financial modeling. Both articles discuss how critical it is to embrace new technologies to successfully deal with Solvency II, financial reporting, and risk analysis. Please consider e-mailing me—or writing an article—on how your company is dealing with this strategic issue.

Some council members spoke up at the last section meeting and requested articles with an introductory slant for members who may not be familiar with some of the newer technologies available. J. Eddie Smith wrote two articles in response to this need, both very informative. The first article is a summary of shortcuts and ways to use existing technologies more efficiently. The second explains *Twitter*, which you have likely heard of, but may not be using. The article, "Introducing Twitter," will help you understand how to use this social networking tool, and why.

Thanks to the regular columnists, and to everyone who has submitted articles throughout the year—their work and contributions are appreciated! Please provide feedback on how you are using this information, and suggestions for additional articles. R Corner author Steven Craighead has also requested some feedback on the direction he should take in future articles. Please let us know whether you are finding the column useful, and what other information you would like to see. Emails I'd like to share (edited):

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**From:** Francesco Balena [<mailto:fbalena@codearchitects.com>]

First of all, thanks for mentioning me and my VB Migration Partner software in your Editor's Notes column (April 2009).

You might find it interesting to have a look at the Resource section of our Web site, with tons of info useful to all developers involved in VB migration projects (regardless of whether they use our software). We have filled this section with virtually everything we learned while developing our conversion software, including the many subtle differences between the two languages (<http://www.vbmigration.com/Resources/migratingfromvb6.aspx>) and control libraries (<http://www.vbmigration.com/Resources/migratingfromvb6controls.aspx>). Most of this material isn't available anywhere else on the Internet.

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**EDITOR'S REPLY:** Thanks for your feedback, and your contributions! ■

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**From:** Weigel, Patrick [<mailto:pweigel@Gafri.com>]

Here's an addition to the list of languages from issue 31 (4/2009) for the article Cyber-Ballistic Podiatry:

**Objective-C:** Steve Jobs shoots you in the foot. And you like it.

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**EDITOR'S REPLY:** Funny! Keep them coming! ■



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