Editorial

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In Spring 2010, *Review of Managerial Science (RMS)* has been on the market for three years. As Founding Editors of *RMS*, we are convinced that the journal's present "history" is a story of success. From 2007 to 2010, we have published nine issues with 33 high quality articles that passed the journal's rigorous double-blind peer review process. The contributions include original work (29 articles) as well as 4 review papers from all areas of Business Administration. Consistent with our aims and scope, the papers published so far cover the full range of methodological approaches of modern research in Managerial Science such as empirical reasoning, analytical modelling, and meta-studies, among others. *RMS* thus portrays the widened scope of international research in Business Administration, both methodologically and with regard to the broad variety of subjects that are developed therein. The raising acceptance of *RMS* as an excellent outlet for business research has been reflected in a growing number of submissions of high quality. The recent JOURQUAL ranking of the German Academic Association for Business Research provides evidence that the scientific community highly appreciates the research that is published in *RMS*: After only two years of existence, our journal immediately received an excellent score in the B-category. *This dynamic development of the journal enables us to increase, starting from 2011, the number of issues per year from three to four.*

This remarkable success depends on the collective efforts of the authors who have submitted their high quality papers to *RMS*, the members of the Editorial

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Board and the ad hoc-reviewers who have contributed their valuable time and energy to assure that the journal's issues contain first-class research. We are indebted to all of them. In the first three years after the journal's foundation, 74 authors from different institutions in Europe, Asia, Australia and the US have published their papers in *RMS*. In addition to the members of the Editorial Board, the journal relied on numerous ad-hoc referees (listed below) to provide the type of prompt and diligent feedback that plays a vital role in the journal's success. For the first nine issues, the rejection rate approaches 65%. The average time until the notification of authors regarding the first-round decision was 62.9 days, thus *RMS* provides remarkably short turnaround times. The efficiency of our referee process is further supported by *EMS*, the *Editorial Manager System* of the publisher *Springer*, which allows a permanent online tracking of the submitted manuscripts. *Springer* also offers immediate online accessibility of accepted papers, including an "open choice"-option where authors can decide to make their papers costlessly available to the scientific community (see the journal's website for further information on this option and the cost that is involved for authors). Researchers from all areas of Business Administration are invited to use *EMS* for submissions to *RMS* at <http://www.editorialmanager.com/rmsc>.

We feel confirmed in our opinion that founding a new international business journal that is *not* devoted to a single and specialized area within the broad field of Business Administration has been a logical step the market was waiting for. And if somebody asks for a practical example of the value of more integrated research, consider the recent financial crisis. In light of the facts and procedures that we all experienced so far, the prevailing management methods have come under severe scrutiny and criticism. If some rethinking is in order, it seems obvious that this requires more integrated approaches. We will thus continue to make all efforts to further enhance the reputation and visibility of *Review of Managerial Science*.

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