LETTER FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

JIBS has initiated a new system of Section Editors who will have major responsibilities for processing manuscripts. With the approval of the Executive Board of the Academy of International Business, we have appointed the following Section Editors: 1) Jeffrey Arpan (University of South Carolina), in International Accounting; 2) Richard Levich (New York University), in International Finance; 3) William Brandt (Columbia University), in International Management; 4) Vern Terpstra (University of Michigan), in International Marketing; 5) Holger L. Engberg (New York University), in International Trade and Development; 6) Louis T. Wells, Jr. (Harvard University), in Multinational Enterprise.

These Section Editors will be responsible for screening manuscripts, selecting referees and evaluating their reviews, resolving deadlocks, and making specific recommendations on the publication of articles. They will work closely with the Editor-in-Chief in making final decisions on publication of articles and will advise on other aspects of the management of JIBS.

Even though the use of Section Editors may slow down somewhat the processing of manuscripts, we expect important benefits from the new system. The management of the *Journal* has become highly complex because we have been receiving annually close to 200 new and revised manuscripts—many quite specialized—in the different fields of international business.

The expertise of the Section Editors should lead in time to more effective evaluation and decision-making on articles for publication in JIBS. These Editors are expected, further, to encourage scholars in their fields to submit manuscripts and to recommend improvements for the *Journal*. However, I continue to welcome not only your manuscripts and notes but also any suggestions that you may have.

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