Editorial

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Editors

Once again we come the end of another volume of OR Insight (ORI), and once again we can look back at an incredible range of contributions that reflect the diversity that is operational research.

The four issues this year include contributions from:

- Australia
- Belgium
- Cyprus
- Iran
- Spain
- UK

The topics have varied enormously, reflecting the diversity of OR and the nature of OR Insight – to inform others of successful and unsuccessful OR activities that readers will find interesting and from which they may learn. This volume has seen papers covering areas such as:

- change management
- conflict resolution
- cricket scores
- crime
- e-commerce
- forecasting payroll costs
- health sector resource planning
- knowledge management
- queuing
- risk management
- security
- simulation modelling
- wood industry estimation

The current volume included another special issue, in this case covering The UK Framework on Active Citizenship. Special issues have become a feature of the journal and we are always extremely grateful and pleased that people are willing to take on the task of putting together the papers that are needed for these. Usually the task is undertaken by one of the Associate Editors, but special issues are not restricted to this group and if any one would like to consider making such a contribution we would be delighted to discuss it.

At a recent Publications Committee meeting it was decided that OR Insight would have a slight change in the coming year and thereafter. Rather than issues being denoted on a calendar basis (January- March, April-June, July-September, October-December), future issues will simply be numbered 1-4 for the volume. All issues for a particular volume will appear in print within the year of publication. We hope that this will meet with the approval of subscribers. OR Insight will appear as regularly as previously, but each issue should appear in print around a month earlier than under the previous system.

The Annual Conference and other meetings and events attract a vast range of presenters and topics, but very few of these are sent to OR Insight. At the most recent Annual Conference in Edinburgh many of the presentations would have made ideal material for ORI, and the editors would encourage conference authors to consider converting their conference presentations for submission to ORI. The task is not onerous and it enables authors to reach a far wider audience than just those who attend that presentation on the day. ORI is published electronically on the ORS website (as well as in hard form), so it is accessible world-wide.

Finally, ORI would not function without your contributions and the hard work of the Associate Editors who support the journal by producing their own contributions and encouraging submissions from others. We are also pleased to mention the support of the members of staff from the Operational Research Society Offices and the members who serve on the Publications Committee.

We hope you have a well-deserved break and we look forward to receiving your papers in the coming year.

Best wishes,

Steve Clarke and Brian Lehaney