Letter from the Editor

Dear Readers

In this issue of the journal the editors have tried something new. In an attempt to open up the field of risk management to more diverse opinions and understanding we have tried an experiment. Under the direction of the North American editor, a number of scholars from around the world were asked to respond to a short paper. The paper was designed to elicit a discussion piece from those invited to respond, and the only instruction they were given was to respond as they saw fit. They could go in any direction. In addition, they did not know who else was involved in this experiment.

The papers in this issue come out of that experiment. Scholars from Europe and the US wrote papers that, in some instances, represent personal opinions and/or company-specific perspectives on an issue. While reading these papers please remember the broadening nature of their intention. We are anxious to hear your response to this experiment, and with your support will continue innovative approaches to the creation and spreading of knowledge.

Warm regards,

Steven Tippins
Editor for North America