Editorial

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It is hard for us to believe, but we have just completed five years as editors of OR Insight. The first issue under our editorship was 13(3), July to September 2000.

During our time as editors there have been challenges, achievements, humour, satisfaction, a few errors and a few apologies. Overall, we think that OR Insight has been something of which we can be proud. As this is very near the end of our term of office, we would like to take this opportunity to thank the Associate Editors for the support they have given us. We try to make their contribution to the journal clear to you, the readers, by using most of the Editorial slots for the Associate Editors to promote their own areas of expertise and interest.

Although it is perhaps not obvious you as readers (although it may be to those of you who have been authors of papers), many of the submissions to ORI come through the Associate Editors soliciting material from work colleagues, friends and conference delegates. When the Associate Editors produce an Editorial for ORI, they include all contact details. If you flick through back copies and a particular subject of an Editorial catches your eye, please feel free to contact the person who wrote it. Authors are of course always welcome to send material direct to the Editors.

In addition to screening and soliciting papers within their domain of expertise, our Associate Editors are also encouraged to produce Special Issues of the journal. Rajan Anketell, produced a very successful issue on E-Commerce and E-Business. Elayne Coakes and Dianne Willis are currently preparing a Knowledge Management Special Issue. If you have any ideas for issues of this type in your own domain, we would encourage you to get in touch with us or if you have been enticed via an Editorial, directly with the relevant Associate Editor. Contributions are not limited to the subjects detailed on the inside cover of the journal, but can come from any area of OR. We particularly enjoy papers from practitioners, and papers that are about process and outcomes from which others can learn, especially if it helps readers avoid making some mistakes!

Thank you to all the contributors and to the Associate Editors who have worked so hard to keep such interesting and varied contributions flowing to us. We also submit work to journals, and are well aware of the hard work you put in to produce these papers, and the competition from other publications.