

Editorial

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At the opening of the 6th Volume of the International Journal of Engineering Business Management I am happy to reflect on the content of the previous Volume which has, with 53 published and Scopus indexed papers, seen a growth in the delivered content on a wide range of topics. As the Journal's mission is to serve as a platform for communicating research results and its applications within this interdisciplinary subject of Engineering Business Management, thus linking academia and industry, I am proud to see the rise in the amount of quality content submitted to the journal, which has proven to be a valuable addition to our journal.

In line with the scope of the journal, the Volume 5 has comprised a number of papers in logistics and supply chain, especially in warehousing and production. For instance, Fumi et al. [1] have produced a contributive research to improve the warehouse efficiency in terms of cost, travel distance and time. In their paper, they attempted to widen the applicability of slot-code optimization and prove this with various simulated scenarios. It is believed that the results could bring benefits to warehouse operations throughout the entire supply chain.

On the topic of dealerships in the automotive industry, an interesting work in measuring their performance has been done by Biondi et al. [2]. Their new assessment approach

was to infuse input-output ratios and data envelopment analysis method into efficiency evaluation and thus make the market analysis more appropriate, which results in other corresponding improvements as well.

Apart from the studies on warehouse and dealership management, our authors have also kept an eye on the system improvement. Greco et al. [3] have conducted a comprehensive literature review in both categories and explored features of some widely spread knowledge management systems. Moreover, a hierarchical skeleton using AHP has been proposed to help firms select suitable criteria and features for their systems in line with the nature of the industry and its needs.

Moreover, the Volume 5 has seen the publication of a Special Issue dedicated to Innovations in Fashion Industry, designed to aim at enhancing the efficiency and productivity of the fashion supply chain. As Italy is one of the leading countries in fashion industry, the Special Issue has comprised the work of mainly Italian researchers who provided in-depth empirical analyses, case studies and reviews of the industry's current trends to offer fashion firms a valuable resource to help them cope with this volatile and competitive industry.

Furthermore, I am pleased to announce that we are opening this year's Volume 6, with another Special Issue,

this one on the subject of Aircraft Servicing and Logistics Operations. I invite the readers to explore papers on this interesting and challenging subject which offer exciting new perspectives.

I need to express my gratitude to the Co-editors, Associate and Executive Editor, our respected members of Editorial Board as well as the appreciation of the work performed by the reviewers, whose expertise and rigor contributed to the high quality level of the papers selected for publication in the journal.

I would like to welcome our new Editorial Board members: Dr Kuo-Kun Tseng, Harbin Institute of Technology Shenzhen Graduate School, China; Dr Jinwen Wu, South China Normal University, China and Mr Yair Holtzman, CPA, MBA, MS, CGMA, New York. I am also happy to welcome Dr Massimiliano Schiraldi, "Tor Vergata" University of Rome, Italy, whose scientific engagement, results and valuable input have prompted us to extend an invitation for him to become another co-editor to the journal. With these valuable new additions to our Editorial team in this year, *International Journal of Engineering Business Management* will surely continue

its path of selecting and delivering high-quality content at fast publication speed, available to the entire community without the barrier of affordability or copyright ownership.

We are looking forward to seeing new submissions from the related field and making the 6th Volume of our journal yet another great success.

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