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## Editorial

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I am pleased to introduce this inaugural issue of the *International Journal of Quality Engineering and Technology (IJQET)*. The experience of the past decades has shown that quality is achievable through a well-defined set of methods for design, production, and delivery of products or services.

Accordingly, *IJQET* aims to contribute to the development and practical applicability of new techniques and instructive examples of existing techniques of the field of quality engineering, having substantiated and well-reasoned supporting evidence. The journal provides an international forum for rapid publication of work describing the latest research and innovative applications of a broad coverage of quality engineering for understanding and enhancing systems in the physical, chemical, engineering sciences, and cross-disciplinary problems.

I would like to thank many people whose support and suggestions have made the birth of this new journal possible. I am most grateful to Dr. Mohammed Dorgham and Mr. Jim Corlett of Inderscience for their excellent professional support throughout the launch of this journal. I would also like to thank all the distinguished Editorial Board members who are renowned for their research in the field of quality engineering for agreeing to serve on the board of *IJQET*.

Finally, the journal will strive to make important contributions with a depth of discussion and important practical underpinnings to the growth and future extension of quality engineering.