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## Editorial

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We are pleased to announce that the *European Journal of Industrial Engineering* (EJIE) is now in its fourth year. It is a pleasure to note that papers are submitted to EJIE from all over the world and the submission rate has increased significantly. More important, the quality of submissions has increased extensively. The quality has been the only criterion in the evaluation of the submitted papers. As a result, we have to be very selective in the evaluation of the submitted papers.

The exceptional length of some papers together with EJIE's page limit has resulted in five papers in this and the previous issue. While we are aware that the readers would like to have the usual six papers per issue, we are certain that the quality of the current papers justifies this reduction. Of course, this measure is an exception and we will return to the usual number of papers in the next issues.

The EJIE has been indexed and abstracted in several important databases such as Scopus and Compendex since the beginning of the year 2008. More important, we are pleased to inform our readers and authors that the EJIE has been selected for coverage in Thomson Reuters products and services. Beginning with Vol. 1, No. 1 2007, it is to be indexed and abstracted in:

- Science Citation Index Expanded (also known as SciSearch®)
- Journal Citation Reports/Science Edition
- Current Contents®/Engineering Computing and Technology.

The earliest possible Impact Factor for EJIE will be calculated for the year 2009, which will be available by mid-2010. We estimate that the EJIE Impact Factor for the year 2009 will be around 0.8, which is significant for a newly established journal. We have no doubt that EJIE is going to be a leading journal in its field.

We are grateful to the editorial board members and are certainly indebted to the many referees for their timely and detailed reports, which considerably improve the quality of the published papers. Moreover, we wholeheartedly thank the contributing authors for their valuable work.

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