
Editorial

Welcome to the first issue of *European Journal of Industrial Engineering (EJIE)* for the year 2011. Even though *EJIE* is a young journal, as it was launched in the year 2007, it is a pleasure to see that it has passed its first stage successfully. The submission rate to *EJIE* has been increasing constantly, and it has doubled since the previous year. We are pleased to see that not only the submission rate but also the quality of submissions has increased significantly. The quality has been the only criterion in the evaluation of the submitted papers.

We are pleased to announce that *EJIE* has appeared in the *Journal Citation Reports, Science Edition 2009* with a noteworthy impact factor of 1.104. It is quite remarkable for such a young journal to be listed so soon and with such a relatively large impact factor. We believe that this excellent citation score is an indication of the quality of the work of the editors, associate editors, editorial board members, and referees over the years and the hard work of the authors.

We must strive for the utmost excellence. Keeping *EJIE* in the *Journal Citation Reports* is now a must whereas increasing its impact factor is even a more important goal to which the editors are committed. In the coming months, the submission rate is expected to increase even further due to the *JCR* listing. Therefore, a more focused and intense work is going to be needed. At the same time, we are sure to keep the short response times to authors that have been a distinctive feature of *EJIE* since its inception and launching.

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

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