
Introduction

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Public affairs informatics research has blossomed and flourished with productive and diverse research activities. With an increasing interest and emphasis in evidence-based management in both private and public sectors, especially in the areas of improving health and public affairs and extending these topics to the global level, this special issue, in collaboration with multidisciplinary investigators, has attained tremendous goals. Our publications reflect the premier status of the newly developed public affairs research agenda. Our mission is to also collaborate in research projects with those from other countries, usually leading to a perfect track record of publications as outcomes. For instance, this issue compiles articles that are written by authors, to name a few, from (at the US level) Arizona State University, Florida State University, Louisiana State University, the University of Chicago, and Virginia Commonwealth University; and (at the international level) China Medical University and SoongSil University. Our research reports will be read by academics and professionals alike, in both public and private sectors, and these topics find appeal amongst boundless crowds. For example, research in improving the quality of care in nursing homes and examining ways to enhance health administration across all levels of care (i.e., hospitals, pharmacies, clinics, etc.) could enhance organisational effectiveness and outcomes of care. Bona fide institutions may implement many of our published results.

This special issue of the *International Journal of Public Policy* is particularly innovative and important, as the articles represent an astute global perspective on health and public affairs issues. They are of great general social concern and are evident in the titles and results shown in each article. As the Editor of this *IJPP* issue, it is with great pleasure that I bring to you this special issue entitled: *Evidence-Based Research for Improving Health and Public Affairs as Extended to Global Health Affairs*.