
Editorial

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Dear Readers,

This is the third year of running the *International Journal of Decision Sciences, Risk and Management (IJDSRM)*. Within this period (the first issue was in 2009), our editorial policy objective was to foster the exchange of theoretical as well as practical views, case-based experiences and state-of-the-art applications, which ultimately shape contemporary management and decision making trends in the highly competitive business environment, as well as to explore new areas of research, techniques and conceptual developments in this field.

All papers submitted to the *IJDSRM* are passing a very strict double blind refereeing process. Since June 2010, the *IJDSRM* has been registered with the online submissions and peer-review system of Inderscience (OSPEERS). All authors are now able to submit online submissions for regular issues and referees will be able to use OSPEERS to review submissions. At this point I would like to extend our appreciation to the reviewers for *IJDSRM* who continue to provide quality reviews. *IJDSRM* draws heavily upon their expertise and as the editor I base my decisions on their insightful recommendations.

For the near future we plan to follow the same publication pattern (i.e., two double issues per year), including a special issue. For this year, the special issue is dedicated to 'Human Resource Management and Decision Making in the Maritime Sector' (2011, Vol. 3, Nos. 3/4).

Our mission remains the same, to promote high-quality research, integration of scientific methods and research agendas, and sharing of practitioner experience and insight, as applied in the context of decision sciences, risk and management.