
Editorial

The *European Journal of Industrial Engineering (EJIE)* has entered its sixth year. It is a pleasure to see that both the submission rate and the quality of submissions have increased significantly. The quality has been the only criterion in the evaluation of submitted papers. As a result of a large backlog of accepted papers, we have decided to publish *EJIE* bimonthly rather than quarterly starting with this volume.

We would like to thank all the contributing authors, reviewers, and readers of *EJIE* for making its impact factor high. The latest impact factor of *EJIE* is 1.787, which is good enough for achieving a fifth place from the listed 37 journals in the area of industrial engineering (ISI web of knowledge) and 18th place among operations research and management science journals (ISI web of knowledge). We believe this excellent citation score is indicative of the steady improvement in quality over the years and the hard work of authors and reviewers, which together have combined to increase the perceived usefulness and popularity of *EJIE* among our academic readership. We hope *EJIE* will continue to be one of your number one sources for the cutting edge of innovation research for years to come. In this regard, we encourage prospective authors to submit papers with a large impact in the industrial engineering field rather than contributions that might have limited influence.

We are grateful to the editorial board members and are certainly indebted to the many referees 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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