

# Organizational Research Methods Yearly Update

Let me begin this yearly update by thanking associate editors Dave Ketchen, Mark Gavin, Chuck Lance, Karen Locke, and Bob Vandenberg and editorial assistant Barb Stephens for countless hours of conscientious and highly professional work on behalf of *Organizational Research Methods (ORM)* and the research methods field in general.

I was delighted to see many of you at the Academy of Management (AOM) meetings in Atlanta in August 2006 and to have the opportunity to thank you in person for all the support you are providing to *ORM* as authors, reviewers, and readers. Those of you who attended the Research Methods Division business meeting were able to receive updated information regarding *ORM*'s operations and recent successes. Overall, *ORM* was highly visible at the AOM meetings, and the number of submissions, prestige, and reputation of the journal are improving constantly. For example, *ORM* was one of only six journals (the others being *Academy of Management Journal*, *Academy of Management Review*, *Administrative Science Quarterly*, *Journal of Management*, and *Organizational Behavior and Human Decision Processes*) represented on a panel of editors at the New Doctoral Student Consortium, attended by an audience that included more than 150 doctoral students from all AOM disciplines. Also, *ORM* had a strong presence at the Organizational Behavior, Human Resources, Business Policy and Strategy, and Gender and Diversity in Organizations Divisions consortia, which include both junior faculty and doctoral students.

Let me provide you with some specific information and updates regarding *ORM*'s operations:

- In calendar year 2005, we received about 120 new submissions. In calendar year 2006, we anticipate receiving approximately 130 new submissions. (We are still receiving new manuscripts at the time of the writing of this editorial.) Since January 1, 2005, the average turnaround time from manuscript submission to authors receiving a decision letter is approximately 50 days. (Yes, you read this correctly; turnaround time is just slightly more than 6 weeks!) The vast majority of authors submitting papers to *ORM* receive comments from three reviewers. The acceptance rate is about 10% to 20%.
- *ORM* has achieved great visibility as evidenced by its placement in a top-10 list of most prestigious journals (Zickar & Highhouse, 2001). The July 2006 ISI Web of Knowledge *Journal Citation Reports* placed *ORM* 27th out of 71 management journals with an impact factor of 1.10. Several colleagues told me in Atlanta that *ORM* is now being placed in the A category for journals at several research-oriented universities. The speed at which *ORM* has positioned itself among elite scholarly journals is an achievement that few publications can claim.
- In the past year, the number of institutional subscriptions to *ORM* has increased from 521 to 836 (an increase of about 60%). This means that more researchers are likely to find an *ORM* article when they conduct electronic searches via their libraries' portals.
- Starting with this 2007 volume, *ORM* will increase the number of pages from the current 500 to about 800. This means that *ORM* will increase the number of articles published each year from about 20 to about 30. The increase in page numbers is such that the time lag between acceptance and publication may be about 1 year or less.

- We have five special issues under way that are attracting substantial attention: (a) Nonresponse to Organizational Surveys (guest editors: Rogelberg & Stanton; to be published in the April 2007 issue), (b) Multilevel Methods and Statistics (guest editors: Bliese, Chan, & Ployhart; to be published in the October 2007 issue), (c) Mediation Inferences (guest editors: Bergh, DeShon, & Mathieu; to be published in 2008), (d) Determining the Quality of Qualitative Research (guest editors: Easterby-Smith, Golden-Biddle, & Locke; to be published in 2008), and (e) Methodological Issues in Strategic Management Research (guest editors: Bergh, Boyd, & Ketchen; to be published in 2008). These special issues reflect the broad interests of *ORM*'s readership, including qualitative and quantitative approaches as well as micro- and macro-level issues.
- You may have noticed that starting with the January 2006 issue, *ORM* has had a new look. First, to increase the visibility of each article published in *ORM*, the complete citation for each article appears at the top of the first page. As we move into an electronic world, we want to make sure that citation information is as visible as possible. Second, as the future of publishing is in many ways electronic, we want to increase ease of onscreen viewing. So the new look includes a change of font to Times, which is easiest to view onscreen and easy to transfer to XML format online.
- We have revamped *ORM*'s Web site (<http://orm.sagepub.com>). If your library subscribes to *ORM*, you can download full-text articles (in Adobe Portable Document Format) and conduct searches using various parameters (keywords, author, etc.). If your library does not subscribe to *ORM*, please forward the following link to your librarian: <http://www.sagepublications.com/2006subscriptioninfo.htm>.
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- Finally, I would also like to report on the recipients of *ORM* awards for 2005. First, after a very careful process involving the entire *ORM* editorial board, the 2005 Best Article of the Year Award went to Gilad Chen (University of Maryland), Paul D. Bliese (U.S. Army Medical Research Unit–Europe), and John E. Mathieu (University of Connecticut) for their article titled “Conceptual Framework and Statistical Procedures for Delineating and Testing Multilevel Theories of Homology” (Vol. 8, pp. 375-409). Also, after careful deliberations with the associate editors, the Best Reviewer of the Year Award went to Alex Stewart (Marquette University) and Neal Schmitt (Michigan State University). Both decisions were extremely difficult given the very large number of highly deserving nominees.

In sum, *ORM* is doing very well. Please feel free to disseminate the information included in this editorial to colleagues and doctoral students. Also, I encourage you to submit work to *ORM*'s regular and special issues. Given our turnaround time of just slightly more than 6 weeks and our increasing visibility, reputation, and impact, I hope prospective authors will find it very appealing to continue to send their best methodological work to *ORM*.

As always, do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or ideas on how to improve *ORM*. I look forward to your continued support of *ORM* as authors, reviewers, and readers.

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