

# Organizational Research Methods Yearly Update

We begin this yearly update by thanking our excellent teams of associate editors: past associate editors Mark B. Gavin, David J. Ketchen Jr., Charles E. Lance, Karen Locke, and Robert J. Vandenberg, and current associate editors Donald D. Bergh, Timothy Hinkin, Robert P. Gephart Jr., Charles E. Lance, and Terri A. Scandura. In addition, we offer a very special acknowledgment to past editorial assistant Barbara Stephens. Finally, we also thank Peter Binfield, Bob Howard, Pat Chojnicki, Jaclyn Huntling, Jamie Miller, and Stephanie Trkay from Sage Publications for their continued support. All of these individuals deserve our recognition for their tireless, conscientious, and highly professional work on behalf of *Organizational Research Methods (ORM)* and the research methods field in general. We also thank each of you for all the support you are providing to *ORM* as authors, reviewers, and readers.

Those who attended the Research Methods Division business meeting at the August 2007 Academy of Management (AOM) conference were able to receive updated information regarding *ORM*'s operations and recent successes. Once again, *ORM* was highly visible at the AOM meetings, and the number of submissions, the prestige, and the reputation of the journal are improving constantly. As is usual now, *ORM* was invited to be part of the panels of editors organized by the majority of the largest divisions of AOM.

Next, we provide some specific information and updates regarding *ORM*.

- In calendar year 2006, *ORM* received more than 120 new submissions. Based on the number of submissions received in calendar year 2007 as of the writing of this editorial, the yearly number of new submissions has become fairly stable and ranges from about 120 to about 130.
- Since January 1, 2005, the average turnaround time from new manuscript submission to authors receiving a decision letter is approximately 50 days. (Yes, you read this correctly, turnaround time is just 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%.
- The July 2007 Thomson Scientific Journal Citation Reports for 2006 assigned *ORM* an overall impact factor of 1.53 and ranked *ORM* 21st out of 78 journals (73rd percentile) in the management category and 15th out of 54 journals (72nd percentile) in the applied psychology category. This information regarding *ORM*'s most recent impact factor confirms *ORM*'s visibility and influence as previously noted by results of a journal prestige study, which placed *ORM* in the top 10 list of most prestigious journals (Zickar & Highhouse, 2001). Since its first listing in the 2004 Journal Citation Reports, *ORM* has experienced an ever-increasing reputation among researchers both as a place to publish and as a place to seek out leading-edge knowledge on organizational research methods. The speed at which *ORM* has positioned itself among the group of elite scholarly journals is an achievement that few publications can claim.
- *ORM* has published the following feature topics in 2007: (a) Nonresponse to Organizational Surveys (guest editors Rogelberg and Stanton; April 2007 issue) and (b) Multilevel

Methods and Statistics (guest editors Bliese, Chan, and Ployhart; October 2007 issue). *ORM* will publish the following feature topics in 2008: (a) Meta-Analysis (guest editors Williams and Aguinis, January 2008 issue), (b) Mediation Inferences in Organizational Research (guest editors Bergh, DeShon, and Mathieu), (c) Determining the Quality of Qualitative Research (guest editors Easterby-Smith, Golden-Biddle, and Locke), and (d) Methodological Issues in Strategic Management Research (guest editors Bergh, Boyd, and Ketchen). These feature topics reflect the broad interests of *ORM*'s readership, including qualitative and quantitative approaches as well as micro- and macro-level issues.

- We have revamped *ORM*'s Web site (see <http://orm.sagepub.com>). If your library subscribes to *ORM*, you can download full-text articles (in pdf format) and conduct searches using various parameters (keywords, author, etc.). If your library does not subscribe to *ORM*, please forward the following link showing various subscription options to your librarian: <http://www.sagepublications.com/subscriptioninfo.htm>.
- A very exciting new resource available at *ORM*'s Web site is *OnlineFirst*. By clicking on the *OnlineFirst* link, you will be able to read, download, and print manuscripts that have been accepted for publication but have not yet appeared in print. These manuscripts have been copyedited and proofread, so that the version of the manuscript available online is identical to the article that will eventually be published. This is a fantastic feature that allows readers to access the most up-to-date knowledge in organizational research methodology. Also, this feature allows authors to widely disseminate their research efforts just a few weeks after their manuscripts are accepted for publication.
- You can receive *ORM*'s table of contents via e-mail a few weeks prior to the publication of each issue *free of charge*. For information on how to do this, please visit <https://online.sagepub.com/cgi/register>.
- *ORM* is now using a Web-based system for processing new manuscripts. Information on the new manuscript submission process is available at *ORM*'s Web site.

Finally, we would also like to report on the recipients of *ORM* awards for 2006. First, after a very careful process involving the entire *ORM* editorial board, the 2006 Best Article of the Year Award went to Charles E. Lance, Marcus M. Butts, and Lawrence C. Michels (all at the University of Georgia) for their article titled "The Sources of Four Commonly Reported Cutoff Criteria: What Did They Really Say?" (Vol. 9, pp. 202-220). Also, after careful deliberations with the associate editors, the 2006 Best Reviewer of the Year Award went to Philip Bobko (Gettysburg College), James M. LeBreton (Purdue University), and Michael G. Pratt (University of Illinois). 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. Given our turnaround time of just more than 6 weeks and increasing visibility, reputation, and impact, we 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*. We look forward to your continued support of *ORM* as authors, reviewers, and readers.

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*Past Editor (2005–2007)*

Robert J. Vandenberg  
*Editor (2007–2009)*

## Reference

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