

Editorial: the journal launches its first annual meeting

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As I write this editorial for the last issue of Volume 25, the world continues to experience a difficult pandemic, which has had, and will continue to have great economic and societal implications. Without a safe and effective vaccine to defeat COVID-19, the virus will unfortunately continue to use human cells to replicate itself, causing much disease and suffering. Entire productive activities have been disrupted and, naturally, research activities and the university sector have also been profoundly affected. Likewise, the production of this journal on the management of organisations has also been impacted. Nevertheless, the Editorial Board wishes to try and minimise the impact of the pandemic on the journal. Looking forward as far as possible, it has planned to launch several initiatives to advance the journal, two of which I will mention in this editorial.

The first is to increase the number of issues in each annual volume. Bearing in mind the number and quality of the submissions we already receive, as well as the growth expected to result from our association with Emerald and the recognition received from prestigious indexing services, we have decided to increase by one the number of issues each year – to a total of three issues. At this point, we cannot be certain whether this decision will enter into force next year already, or just in 2022. However, the decision to opening more journal space for the publication of papers, case reports and book reviews has been made, while of course maintaining our demanding publication criteria.

The second initiative that I wish to communicate in this editorial is the launch of the 1st Annual Meeting of the European Journal of Management Studies (previously known as the *Portuguese Journal of Management Studies*). The event will be held on the 8th July, 2021. You can find the Call for Papers for the 1st Annual Meeting within this Issue. We would much preferred to have been able to organise the Meeting with face-to-face sessions at ISEG, Universidade de Lisboa (University of Lisbon), which is the headquarters of the journal. Naturally, such a decision depends entirely on the pandemic being highly constrained or fully resolved, however, given the great uncertainty the world is currently facing, we are prepared to adapt. Accordingly, in case that no face-to-face sessions are to be permitted at the date of the meeting, we will move to an online meeting format.

For the meeting, we are looking to receive papers that fit within the scope of this pluralistic and interdisciplinary journal. As described on our webpage, our journal publishes original papers that use quantitative and qualitative approaches for researching the management of organisations, including approaches from disciplines such as: strategy, marketing, human resources, organisational behaviour, operations and logistics, economic



sociology, finance, accounting, management control, taxation, information systems for management, entrepreneurship, and international management. Our Editorial Board has expertise in all these research areas – we comprehend management to be the domain of managing actual organisations.

At the 1st Annual Meeting we also plan to organise a special doctoral session, should we receive sufficient submissions from PhD students. It goes without saying that acceptance to attend the conference does not necessarily imply publication in the journal, as published papers will still be subject to the demanding peer-review procedure adopted by the *EJMS*. Even so, this Annual Meeting represents an opportunity to interact with the community of the journal, for we hold the view that this journal is made up of a community of people comprised of readers, editors, authors, reviewers and the administrative team, who are all connected by ideas, debates, and findings regarding the management of organisations. We hope that the 1st Annual Meeting which is to be launched next year will be repeated during many years to come. Likewise, our aim in the future is to be able to organise specific workshops on topics which are of great relevance for the mission of our journal.

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