

Dear Colleagues,

I want to share some excellent news! The 2018 Journal Citation Report shows that the 2-year and 5-year impact factors for Decision Sciences Journal are on the rise. I want to thank Co-Editors Cheri Speier-Pero and Mark Ferguson and the entire DSJ editorial team for their dedication and hard work on behalf of the journal. In addition, nominations are being accepted for the position of Co-Editor until August 16. Finally, I want to encourage you to submit your best research to DSJ so we can continue DSJ on an upward trajectory.

The plans are really coming together for our 50th Anniversary Conference in New Orleans Nov. 23-25. Chair Kevin Linderman and his team, Thomas Kull, Conference Chair of Research, Carmela Di Mauro, Conference Chair of Professional Development, and Dongli Zhang, Conference Chair of Pedagogical Research, are putting together an outstanding program. Total conference submissions are the highest recorded since 2012, and over 35 Professional Development Workshops will cover research methodologies, publishing, and teaching. Some unique features of this year's conference include the pairing of our keynote speakers with companion workshops to allow you to put the concepts into action, and a special session showcasing the 2018 DSJ best paper finalists in which the best paper will be announced. Check out the complete list of workshops at the DSI website and remember to take advantage of the early registration by Sept. 13, 2019!

I want to thank the leadership teams of our US Regions and International Chapters who have been working diligently on charters to bring DSI into compliance with our by-laws. The charters for our five U.S. regions have been approved by the Board. The Board is working to expand DSI's international visibility by exploring opportunities for new international chapters. I also encourage you to get involved in regional and international conferences such as the upcoming Midwest Mini-Conference at Butler University on September 14.

This year's DSI committees are busy working on a number of different initiatives to continue to improve consortia at our conferences, improve access to teaching-related resources, refresh content on our website, develop a code of conduct, and explore collaboration with other academic and professional organizations. For more details about this year's committees and initiatives check out the DSI website.

DSI's success depends upon your willingness to volunteer to give your time and talent to help the organization. Although there are many ways to serve, consider taking a leadership role by being nominated or nominating a colleague to serve on the 2020-2021 DSI Board of Directors. Nominations are due by October 1.

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