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IJMR Editors' **Statement**, January, 2017

This year marks a change in the editorial team at the International Journal of Management Reviews (IJMR). Prof Oswald (Ossie) Jones steps down as Co Editor-in-Chief, having been in post since 2010. Prof Caroline Gatrell is joined by Dr Dermot Breslin, who has acted as Associate Editor with the journal since 2012. Since becoming Editor-in-Chief, Ossie has overseen a dramatic increase in the journal's reach and impact. Downloads of IJMR papers have increased from **XX** in 2010, to **XX** in 2016. At the same time the journal's impact factor has increased from **XX** in 2010 to 4.854 in 2016. Since 2010 significant improvements have been made to the journal on terms of time to first decision, the strength and involvement of the editorial board, and the international profile of IJMR (Macpherson and Jones, 2010). In addition, published papers have adopted more rigorous approaches to reviewing the literature, with a greater proportion being based on the principles of a systematic literature review (Tranfield et al. 2003).

Over the coming years, we plan to continue to develop IJMR as the leading global review journal in Organisation and Management Studies, with a focus on three key areas of distinction. First, past editorials have identified papers of a more conceptual nature, as an area of future development for the journal (Jones and Gatrell, 2014; Macpherson and Jones, 2010). Moving forward, papers should seek to make significant conceptual contributions, offering a strategic platform for new directions in research, and making a difference to how scholars might conceptualise research in their respective fields. Second, IJMR continues to be distinctive in its generalist appeal, with a focus on theoretical underpinnings and accessible to a broad range of research traditions. As a result, it differentiates itself from other leading academic journals with an exclusively propositional style. Third, the journal promotes contributions which have an interdisciplinary reach. In a world of increasingly complex research challenges, such issues and problems require solutions that cut across disciplinary boundaries (British Academy, 2016; Stern, 2016). We take forward Jones and Gatrell's (2014) commitment towards interdisciplinary research, and welcome the opportunity such approaches create in opening up new possibilities for research trajectories and insights.

As IJMR moves forward, we encourage contributions that **are engaging and** seek to challenge and shift paradigms (Kuhn, 1962), and believe the 'journal has an important role to play in encouraging authors to experiment with more innovative approaches to reviews of the literature' (Jones and Gatrell, 2014, p.260).

Caroline Gatrell and Dermot Breslin
(Co Editors-in-Chief)

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