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EDITOR'S NOTE

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the final issue of 2016 and the first issue under the stewardship of a new publisher and editor. The journal is looking back at a year with the successful publication of regular and special issues with Peter Goldsmith as executive and Kathryn White as administrative editors.

The publications demonstrate the broad interest in the management, organization, and development of the food sector and its enterprises. The challenge of sustainability of the food sector has initiated an increased interest in the need for cooperation and interaction among all actors in the food sector including agriculture, industry, trade, retail, consumers, and policy. IFAMR will continue to support this broad view and to assure that the journal provides a most relevant platform for discussions of challenges that the food sector is facing in meeting its responsibility for feeding the world in increasingly complex and fragile economic, social and natural environments.

Wageningen Academic Publishers as the new publisher of IFAMR with Marijn van der Gaag as Administrative Editor and Prof. Gerhard Schiefer as the new Executive Editor are committed to this goal and are looking forward to building on the successful activities of the former editors and to serving the community with a high level journal for its publication interests.

The editors are supported by a dedicated group of Managing Editors from around the world. Without them the journal could not handle the many submissions and reviews a high-level journal has to contend with. During the past year some of the Managing Editors left their engagement due to retirements, new positions and similar developments. We gratefully acknowledge the services by Murray McGregor of the University of South Australia, Derek Baker of the University of New England (Australia), and Joao Martines-Filho of the Universidade de Sao Paulo. We were also saddened by the news that long-time friend, colleague and former Managing Editor, David Sparling, from the University of Western Ontario passed away in late July after a 22-month battle with brain cancer.

A number of colleagues from various countries are volunteering to engage as Managing Editors for some time to come. We welcome Kim Bryceson of the University of Queensland, Jeff Jia of the University of Exeter, Pegah Amani of the Technical Research Institute of Sweden, Klaus Frohberg of the University of Bonn, and Aziz da Silva of the Federal University of Vicosa, Brazil.

The journal is in its 19th year but still in dynamic development. We are open for proposals for changes and further improvements. Just link up with us.

Looking forward to a fruitful cooperation with all of you

Gerhard Schiefer, Executive Editor, IFAMR