

## ***APJM* is now included in SSCI**

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As your proud Editor-in-Chief, I am pleased to inform you that the *Asia Pacific Journal of Management* has been accepted for inclusion in the Social Sciences Citation Index (SSCI). We received this great news in August 2008, as *APJM* celebrated our 25th anniversary (and the world celebrated the 29th Olympic Games, which, of course, took place in *Asia* at that time). As someone who publicly announced, repeatedly, that one of *APJM*'s main goals under my editorship was to join SSCI (Peng, 2007a, 2007b, 2008), there is no better news to share than this.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!!

### **Thank you!**

On this wonderful occasion, I want to thank all of *you* for your excellent work as authors, editors, reviewers, and board members. I also want to thank:

- The visionary scholars at the National University of Singapore led by Khin Maung Kyi who founded *APJM* in 1983 (Lee, 2007).
- The eight Editors-in-Chief who served before my term (Khin Maung Kyi, Lee Soo Ann, Pan Eng Fong, Wong Kie Ann, Lim Kian Guan, Tan Kong Yam, Kulwant Singh, and Andrew Delios) and their editorial teams (Lim, 2007). I especially thank Andrew, who passed the torch to me.
- Every member of my dedicated and hard-working team of Senior Editors: David Ahlstrom, Garry Bruton, Michael Carney, David Chan, Simon Lam, Chung Ming Lau, John Mathews, Klaus Meyer, Eric Tsang, and Chi-Sum Wong. I also thank my two Managing Editors, Yung Hua and Rachel Pinkham, who made things happen.
- The founding members of the Asia Academy of Management (AAOM) led by Chung Ming Lau and David Tse who turned vision into reality in 1998—AAOM celebrated its tenth anniversary in 2008 (Lau, 2007).

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- The current leadership team at AAOM led by Garry Bruton.
- My dean Hasan Pirkul at the School of Management, University of Texas at Dallas, and all the deans at the schools that support the work of my editorial team.
- The deans and organizers of host schools for our special issue conferences: National University of Singapore (December 2004 and December 2005), Xi'an Jiaotong University (July 2007), Queensland University of Technology (December 2007), National Sun Yat-Sen University (December 2008), and Simon Fraser University (October 2009).
- The Springer team led by Nick Philipson, who has been graciously supportive behind the scenes (including *doubling* the number of copies printed for our 25th anniversary special issue in 2007 and increasing our page budget from 600 to 700 pages in 2008).

## Celebrations

By the time you read this in early 2009, we will have already celebrated our SSCI success at the AAOM conference in Taipei, Taiwan, on December 14–16, 2008—chaired by Joseph Yu. As part of the festivities, we will have done the following:

- Announce the winner of the first *APJM* Best Paper Award, graciously sponsored by Springer to commemorate our SSCI success.
- Invite the authors of the AAOM Conference Best Paper Award and the Best Doctoral Paper Award to publish their work in *APJM* (subject to editorial review).

In addition, the following two Special Issues will join the celebrations:

- A Special Issue on “Managing in Ethnic Chinese Communities” edited by David Ahlstrom (Senior Editor and professor at the Chinese University of Hong Kong), Shyh-Jer Chen (Guest Editor and professor at National Sun Yat-Sen University), and Kuang S. Yeh (Guest Editor and Vice Minister, Research, Development, and Evaluation Commission, Executive Yuan, Taiwan). A Special Issue Conference was held in Kaohsiung, Taiwan, on December 12–13, 2008, before the main AAOM conference in Taipei.
- Another Special Issue on “Managing Corporate Governance Globally: An Asia Pacific Perspective” edited by Steve Globberman (Guest Editor and professor at Western Washington University), Mike Peng (Editor-in-Chief), and Daniel Shapiro (Guest Editor and Dean, Faculty of Business Administration, Simon Fraser University). The Special Issue Conference will be held in Vancouver, Canada, on October 8–9, 2009. The submission deadline is April 30, 2009. Please submit to <http://apjm.edmgr.com>.

## Next steps

As a scholarly community, we have two next steps. First, submit more high-quality work to publish in *APJM*. On this occasion, let me thank also all authors who have

published in *APJM*. A journal is only as good as its authors. Over the past 25 years, the words of some of the most influential scholars have graced the pages of our journal. They include J. Barney, P. Beamish, M. Bond, C. Chen, M.-J. Chen, X.-P. Chen, G. Dess, J. Dunning, A. Harzing, C. Hill, M. Hitt, G. Hofstede, R. Hoskisson, M. Kotabe, K. Law, J. T. Li, M. Lieberman, Y. Luo, S. Makino, J. McGuire, W. Mitchell, G. Redding, A. Rugman, M. Shaver, O. Shenkar, J. Tan, D. Tjosvold, A. Tsui, R. Tung, A. Van de Ven, M. Wright, and H. Yeung (excluding editors). *APJM* welcomes you to join this distinguished community of scholars.

Second, position your work as part of the conversations/debates taken place in *APJM*. As of today (October 1, 2008), concrete information regarding exactly when *APJM* would be tracked by SSCI is still not available. My discussions with the Springer team suggested that it is very likely that SSCI will have started formally tracking us in 2008. So *APJM*'s first official impact factor (for 2010, which tracks citations published in 2010 to *APJM* papers published in 2008 and 2009) will likely be announced in mid-2011. Therefore, it is imperative that we keep up the momentum by citing relevant and recent papers published in *APJM* in 2008 and 2009, not only in your *APJM* submissions, but also in your other papers appearing in other journals.

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