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EDITOR'S NOTE

Dear Readers,

Well we have done it! Not only are we providing readers another jam-packed issue of the IFAMR, we breached, for the first time in September, 17,000 articles downloaded in one month. That is a 31% increase over September, 2012. So our open access, electronic and broad distribution model is providing our authors the impact they expect.

We have a full issue that nicely reflects our growing international presence. We are especially proud of the three articles from Brazilian scholars. Several years ago the IFAMR made a concerted effort to improve its ranking within the Brazilian journal scoring system. Scholars in Brazil are incited to achieve, for example 320 points over three years. Our high A2 ranking provides a Brazilian author 80 points, or 25% of the requisite, with just one publication. Not surprisingly our submissions from Brazil are rising very quickly.

Check out the call for the Best Paper Competition. Submit a paper proposal by November 30, 2013 and then the full manuscripts are due January 30, 2014. The IFAMR partners with the IFAMA to help bring more polished work to the Symposium, which makes for a richer and more dynamic conference. Authors win because they get to present their work, receive comprehensive blind reviews of their manuscript, get more feedback at the conference, are entered into an international scholarship competition, and can emerge within nine months of submission with a published manuscript in our special conference issue.

I want to congratulate IFAMR Managing Editor, Dr. David Van Fleet of Arizona State University on his new book, *Agribusiness: Principles of Management*. Check out the advertisement for his book inside this issue. The IFAMR provides real value to its advertisers and sponsors because of our high-volume of downloads, citations, and visits. Journal costs are entirely paid by scholars that publish with us. Thus, advertising and sponsorships revenue go a long way to help the IFAMR invest so that we can better serve the needs of our authors.

Speaking of finances, the IFAMR will change its fee structure starting January 1, 2014. We will continue to charge \$750 USD to cover the expenses associated with publishing a 15 page manuscript. However, each additional page will cost the author \$50 USD. The page charge includes all tables, figures, and appendices. This change is to meant to provide authors an incentive to be become more concise in articulating research results.

P.S. Watch for two upcoming Special Issues:

- 1) *Food Demand, Diet, and Health— the role played by managers and agribusinesses*, edited by members from the USDA-ERS.
- 2) *African Agribusiness on the Move*, edited by Mary Shelman, Aidan Connolly, and Mandla Nkomo.

Are you interested in producing a Special Issue? It is easy. Contact us at: ifamr@ifama.org

Enjoy the issue,

Peter Goldsmith, Executive Editor, IFAMR