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EDITOR'S NOTE

Dear Colleagues,

Let me first get my good-byes and farewells out—and then I can focus on this wonderful quarterly issue of the journal.

I came to the IFAMR eight years ago bringing a new vision to the board of IFAMA inspired to enrich the work accomplished by my predecessors and build a much needed high-quality journal for food and agribusiness management scholars. With the help of Administrative Editor Kathryn White, a team of fabulous Managing Editors, and the thankless hours of participation from nearly 1000 reviewers, we have built a really nice journal. It took all of us to do it, so please pat yourselves on the back.

This is the last issue for Kathryn and me as we are both stepping down with the release of this publication. The new Executive Editor is Gerhard Schiefer. Please direct all future correspondence to Dr. Schiefer beginning 1-September. His email address is: schiefer@uni-bonn.de.

Volume 19 Issue 3 marks the 31st issue of the journal published since 2008—all published on time. The third quarterly issue is a *Special Conference Edition*, highlighting papers presented during IFAMA's annual scientific Symposium which occurred in Aarhus last June. The “Best Paper Competition” is a collaboration between the IFAMR and IFAMA, and this year we include our conference partners from Wageningen University (WICaNeM). The purpose of the Best Paper Competition is to not only to offer members an opportunity to compete in the competition but accelerate the blind peer review process so that the conference is populated with peer reviewed, full-manuscripts that can also be published by 1-September of the same year. Congratulations to the winners.

This issue contains six papers from the competition: two winners and four finalists. We also have a nice group of five standard research articles and a case study. Please take a moment and look over Dr. Wachenheim's case study from war-torn Afghanistan. It takes a special team to continue to do research under arduous conditions.

We wish you the very best in your future research endeavors, and it's highly likely that our paths will cross again as we are a family of scholars devoted to the issues of agribusiness, and that makes it a small world after all.

Peter Goldsmith, Executive Editor, IFAMR