

EDITORIAL

Welcome to the premier issue of the new international journal **Decision Making in Manufacturing and Services**. The launching of a new journal is a unique opportunity to introduce its mission, scope, and coverage areas.

The decision making environment in manufacturing and services is a rich one, and papers should reflect this variety. Papers may address concerns of manufacturing or service firms as well as government or non-profit enterprises, and the full range of manufacturing and service systems is covered. Examples of services considered include transportation, logistics and distribution, telecommunication, tourism, medical services. We believe that both theoretical and practical, and both quantitative and qualitative research on decision making in manufacturing and services can be relevant and useful. The papers may be based on a variety of disciplinary foundations such as management, economics, operations research, computer science, engineering, psychology, etc.

One of the major roles of **Decision Making in Manufacturing and Services** is to provide a platform for bridging the gap between theory and implementation of decision making. Papers should represent original contributions which significantly advance the theory or practice of decision making. Papers examining strategic decision making in manufacturing and services, as well as those topics that are new and experimental, are especially welcome. Of particular interest are papers devoted to novel applications and interfaces with information technologies, Internet and electronic commerce. **Decision Making in Manufacturing and Services** will also publish state of the art reports by invited authors, critical reviews and special issues devoted to particular topics. The ultimate objective of **Decision Making in Manufacturing and Services** is to disseminate knowledge for improving the theoretical base for sound decision making in practice of manufacturing and services.

At the start of this new journal it is appropriate to thank all of you who have made the journal launching possible: the editorial board members, the AGH University Press editorial and publishing staff, the invited authors and the reviewers. A word of special thanks goes to the Faculty of Management, AGH University of Science and Technology, who has supported the idea to launch the new journal.

Finally, we hope that the future of **Decision Making in Manufacturing and Services** is bright, and the journal will provide a recognized publication forum for the Decision Making community, including academic and industry researchers and decision makers working at the interface of research and implementation in manufacturing and services.

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