

Editor's Note

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I am delighted to introduce an upcoming issue of *International Journal of Productivity Management and Assessment Technologies*. IJPMAT provides a really exciting opportunity to consider the cross-cultural nature and societal aspects of performance management.

The objective of IJPMAT is to publish up-to-date, high-quality and original research papers alongside relevant and insightful reviews in order to develop, promote and disseminate knowledge in the areas of productivity, efficiency, and performance management. The measurement of organizational productivity, performance, and efficiency is an essential part of change and contributes to general welfare of organizations and, to a larger extent, societies. By measuring productivity and efficiency, it is possible to evaluate the performance of an organization by comparing it with benchmarks of international best practices. Thus, from a societal point of view, productivity management is of high importance and value. The international dimension of the journal is emphasized to overcome cultural and national barriers and meet the needs of accelerating technology and changes in the global economy. Novel and fundamental theories, algorithms, technologies, and applications support this mission.

I'm pleased to welcome Brian J. Galli as the co-editor-in chief. Brian J. Galli holds a doctoral degree in Engineering Management from Old Dominion University. He also holds a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering from Binghamton University and Masters of Science in Engineering Management from Missouri University of Science & Technology. He works as an Assistant Professor of Management Engineering at Long Island University – Post. He is a licensed professional engineer in New York State and holds a certification as a Lean Six Sigma Master Black Belt. The major field of his study is continuous improvement and project management integration. Brian J. Galli works as an Assistant Professor of Management Engineering at Long Island University – Post. He has over 11 years of experience in applying industrial engineering and continuous improvement tools and concepts in a wide variety of arenas, including healthcare, manufacturing, transactional, and service environments.

The article of Brian J. Galli, '*How Project Management Overlaps With Lean Six Sigma*,' is presented. Needless to say, Professor Galli was not involved in the review process for his paper and it went through a proper double-blind peer review.

Last, but not the least, any papers that you wish to submit, either individually or collaboratively, are much appreciated and will make a substantial contribution to the development and success of the journal. Best wishes and thank you in advance for your contribution to the *International Journal of Productivity Management and Assessment Technologies*.

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