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Editorial

Let me begin with an update on a recent refresh of the editorial team of *Management Accounting Research* (*MAR*), especially by expressing my gratitude to both the leavers and joiners on the Editorial Review Board (ERB) and to a new Associate Editor (AE).

On the ERB, we say farewell with huge thanks for many years of service to **Shannon Anderson** (University of California Davis, USA), **Trond Bjornenak** (NHH School of Economics, Norway), **Rob Chenhall** (Monash University, Australia), and **Ella Mae Matsumura** (University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA), three of whom decided to step out of formal editorial board duties due to retirement and pass on the baton to a new generation of active scholars. The same for Trond who has seen a shift in his work over the last decade towards more administration duties and is pleased to see new members of the editorial board taking over. All four have done countless reviews for *MAR*, and we are indebted to them for their generosity.

As all four of them wanted to see, I am delighted to welcome five new members on MAR's ERB:

Jeremy Bentley
University of Massachusetts Amherst, USA

Margaret Christ
University of Georgia, USA

Fei Du
University of Illinois, USA

Susanna Gallani
Harvard Business School, USA

Melissa Martin
University of Illinois Chicago, USA

Welcome Jeremy, Margaret, Fei, Susanna, and Melissa. I look forward to working with you.

Regarding changes to the AE team, on May 31, we say goodbye to **Margaret Abernethy** (University of Melbourne, Australia) after eight-and-a-half years as an Associate Editor. We cannot thank Maggie enough for her service to the journal, and indeed the field. She, too, has retired, though I still need to see her slow down. With huge thanks, we wish you well, Maggie.

From June 1, *MAR* welcomes **Khim Kelly** (University of Central Florida, USA) as the Associate Editor who replaces Maggie. “Replace” is never quite the right term nor the real point because, for starters, Maggie is irreplaceable, but also because everyone brings, and should bring, their own, unique valuable background and experiences to the role. Khim is a respected researcher, an experienced editor, and an immensely appreciated citizen in the field. With Khim in this role, *MAR* can continue to cover a wide variety of scholarly backgrounds, experiences and expertise across topics, source disciplines and research methods, with the entire editorial team committed to a vision of *MAR* as a home for diverse management accounting research in all types of settings and organizations. Thank you, Khim, for joining the team and your commitment to this vision.

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Finally, I wanted to mention that I just returned from the 2022 ICVG Conference on GOVERNANCE IN ITS INSTITUTIONAL CONTEXT, held at Monash University in Melbourne on December 15-16, 2022. I was there as a keynote speaker but also, and especially, because the conference offered a route for some papers into a *MAR* Special Issue on CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT CONTROLS (tinyurl.com/3bbbk6ee). This inaugural conference (tinyurl.com/39cujpza) of the International Consortium for Values-Based Governance (ICVG), so capably organized by Christo Karuna at Monash's Centre for Global Business, was a success, including a wide range of papers and rich discussions on a variety of corporate governance issues. I am looking forward to seeing some papers eventually appear in *MAR*.

Looking back to 2022, *MAR* must have had the largest number of submissions in its history, up by about 10% on the recent decade's average. It is hard, and unhelpful, to read too much into this, though it is encouraging to see that submissions are holding up as we are hopefully transitioning out of the pandemic years. Most of all, I am thrilled by the opportunity to see many of these papers again being presented and actively discussed and challenged at seminars and conferences around the world because that remains an invaluable way through which we shape our research and hone our knowledge, which is the ultimate outcome we pursue.

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