Welcome to Volume 6 of Dalhousie’s Journal of Interdisciplinary Management. We open this year’s issue with a note from our inaugural Faculty Liaison, Dr. Binod Sundararajan. The 2010 executive is immensely grateful to Dr. Sundararajan for his support.

Good interdisciplinary research requires genuine team work and appreciation of the different skills contributed by the partners involved (Bowman, 2007). While Bowman discusses this in the context of recognizing the importance and expertise of statisticians in interdisciplinary research, he does highlight the issue of clear and effective communication across domains and among practitioners (novices to experts) to facilitate the collaborative efforts required to produce quality interdisciplinary research. In my short association with the Dalhousie Journal of Interdisciplinary Management (DJIM), I have been witness to a remarkable effort by the editorial and management team of the DJIM to nurture and foster genuine cross-disciplinary work.

Having reviewed a few articles for the journal, I am extremely pleased with the quality of writing of the student submissions and the breadth of issues that the authors have tackled. As the journal has grown since its inaugural issue in 2005, the topics have ranged from discussions on Post Apartheid Libraries in South Africa and Outreach strategies to discussions on social tagging, digital texts and archives to even an interesting essay on R.L. Stine’s controversial Goosebumps series. Having a graduate culture that strives to nurture great writing among its students is itself a great facilitator for quality research and publishing, and the Faculty of Management at Dalhousie University certainly has that. However, if more faculty members would take on mentoring roles to guide budding graduate student researchers in their path to quality interdisciplinary research, then not only will DJIM become one of the leading student-led journals, its membership will stand to receive great counsel from the rich experience of our faculty and its readership will enjoy thought-provoking and quality work. I wish the DJIM team and the journal great success.

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