

# Call for Papers for the Regular English Issues of the Journal of Japan Industrial Management Association

## The Editorial Board of the Journal of JIMA

Last year, the special issue on “Optimization and Its Applications” for the Journal of JIMA was published, aimed at developing this particular field. The topic of “Optimization and Its Applications” represented a wide research field, and as a result, 26 papers were submitted to the Editorial Board of the Journal of JIMA within a one month period. In past years we focused on more specific research fields and designated particular titles for the special issues. However last year, by setting such a wide research field “Optimization and Its Applications”, the submissions increased substantially, so we considered two English journals could be published in a year if we do not limit the research area to one specific field. Therefore, assuming we have the same or more English papers submitted as last year, we will have enough to publish two English issues per year. Though the closed topics in the field of industrial engineering and management have been focused for publication in a “special issue” every year, it is possible to publish two English issues of the journal yearly if the topic is not limited to one specific research area. The fact that many English papers have been submitted to JIMA highlights the globalization of the research activities of JIMA members and strengthens the need for the publication of English papers. By supporting such a need, the service quality of the association for members can be improved and subsequently, the journal of JIMA can be recognized internationally, as it leads to develop the field of industrial engineering and management.

Based on the information above, the board of directors of JIMA is happy to announce that beginning from 2009, there will be two English issues instead of one special issue published every year. The Japanese issues will be published six times a year. We are expecting to increase the number of paper submissions in English, to improve the quality of the publications, and to publish many effective research results, aiming at solving problems in the practical fields of industrial management. Our journal is included in the database of engineering information (EI), and we look forward to an increase in the submissions of English papers in response to this announcement.

1. The number of English issues per year: Two
2. Publication Dates: For February and August of each year.
3. The first issue: Vol. 60, No.3E(August, 2009)
4. Media resource publication: PDF format files in the CD-ROM attached with the Japanese number.
5. Publication fee: A 20% discount from the cost of the Japanese papers will be offered for English papers accepted for publication. Please refer to the “Author’s Guidelines of the Journal of JIMA Special Issue”, which can be found on the website of JIMA ( <http://www.jimanet.jp/> ) or retrieved by e-mail from the correspondence address below.
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