

Editorial Preface by the Editor-in-Chief

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This is my first editorial preface as the new Editor-in-Chief of the *International Journal of Doctoral Studies* (IJDS). The journal has strong reputation for quality in the field of doctoral studies. It is therefore incumbent on me to thank all of those people who have been instrumental in getting the journal to this point and keeping it there. First, I would like to acknowledge the hard work and visionary leadership of my predecessor – Dr Yair Levy – who was Editor-in-Chief of IJDS from its very beginning in 2006 through until halfway through this year. Creating a journal from scratch is no easy feat, especially when its desired destination is to be a journal of high quality. In order to succeed in this endeavour the journal and, by association, its editor need to attract quality papers which are not only read, but also cited. Supporting this, the journal requires a team of dedicated professionals to read, critique, and manage submissions. To complicate these tasks even further, the credo of IJDS is to nurture a fostering role which assists authors to develop and refine their art. In all of these spheres Yair Levy excelled. I am grateful for the support of Yair, and from his team, and I am proud to be the newly appointed Editor-in-Chief. Yair inaugurated the vision for IJDS. I intend to sustain it, with the ultimate goal of increasing its quality while maintaining its current level of articles published.

Second, I would like to specifically thank the team of Associate Editors and Reviewers who have been instrumental in supporting both myself and Dr Levy. As discussed above, the task of reviewing papers in IJDS is no ordinary review job. Much more is demanded of our reviewers in coaching and mentoring authors, and I am pleased to say that our reviewers and associate editors are largely up to the task and have excelled in their delivery of reviews in terms of quality and promptitude.

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In preparation for the next volume we will issue a call for papers which will seek submissions for instructive methodologies which will assist doctoral students in their choice, and application, of research methods. We will also continue to welcome quality papers which are in line with the mission of IJDS (as detailed on the front page of this journal).

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