This issue of the Journal of Decision Systems marks the beginning of a new period in the administration of the journal. Ten years ago, I created JDS and, with the help of the members of the scientific committee, turned it into one of the leading international journals in the area of decision making and decision support systems.

In the beginning, it was a bilingual journal intended to promote actually implemented (mostly computer supported) decision systems, and, over the past 10 years, we published four volumes every year, which amounts to a total of about 4000 pages for the 10 volumes between 1992 and 2001. Many well-known researchers in the IS and decision fields and about half the members of the editorial committee contributed articles to the journal.

After these 10 years, it is now time for me to think about retirement. After discussions with the current associate editors of the journal and considering the added constraint of having to find a researcher who is fully bilingual in order to facilitate the communication with both potential authors and our publisher, the publisher and I have proposed to Frédéric Adam, who is at present Senior Lecturer in University College Cork in Ireland to take responsibility of the journal as of January 1st, 2003. Frédéric Adam has already contributed many articles to the Journal of Decision Systems and to a number of other journals such as the Journal of Strategic Information Systems and the Journal of Information Technology. He has also contributed to many books and has recently successfully managed the IFIP WG 8.3 conference on decision support in the Internet Age (DSIAge2002 in Cork). In 2002, he was guest editor for a special issue of JDS on the implications of ERP implementations for decision making.

This change of Editor-in-Chief is an evolution rather than a revolution and the new team that has been assembled by Frédéric Adam to guide JDS from now on comprises a combination of current and new members. One change that we have introduced is the addition of area editors in the structure of the Journal, which is aimed at increasing the global dimension of JDS. Tung Bui, Frada Burstein and Pirkko Walden are therefore the journal’s first area editors and they will endeavour to increase the awareness of JDS in their respective areas. Jean-Claude Courbon, who has been associated with JDS since its creation, stays as the Associate Editor. He will help ensure the continuity in the quality of the research published in the journal over the next two years.
Overall, the philosophy of the Journal of Decision Systems will be unchanged, although an attempt will be made to make it even more global in its reach, with authors and readers from some of the newer nations on the Information Systems research map. The creation of the positions of area editors will help this goal.

A special anniversary issue of the journal will be published later this year to mark this transition into the second decade of JDS. It will be edited by myself and will be devoted to the former editorial scientific committee of the journal. Its members are invited to express freely what they see as the key achievements and challenges for decision support systems.

In this circumstance, it is a great pleasure for me to thank very warmly all those, especially the committee members, who made it possible to start the journal and to maintain its high quality, as one of the top 6 most important journals in the discipline. I would also like to thank the two Associate Editors Jean-Claude Courbon and Tawfik Jelassi who helped me from the beginning as well as the Managing Editors who handled the difficult tasks involved in the every-day life of a scientific journal (Pascale Zarate, Stéphane Gançarski and Patrick Brézillon). I wish to all of them and to the readers and subscribers of the Journal of Decision Systems many years of great DSS research with the new editorial team.

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