

COMMENT FROM THE EDITORS OF IPMR

The articles in this issue are intended to be of interest to both academics and practitioners. The issue is comprised of articles on a variety of what we believe are intriguing public management and policy topics. We wish to humbly dedicate this issue of IPMR to the memory of Robert N. Anthony, Ross Graham Walker Professor of Management Control, Emeritus, Harvard School of Business, who passed away December 1, 2006. Among many other accomplishments Bob Anthony was a ground-breaking scholar in the area of management control for public and not-for-profit organizations. He is gone from this troubled world but in the hearts and minds of his many colleagues and students he will not be forgotten; his work and legacy live on.

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