

## COMMENT FROM THE EDITORS OF IPMR

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The editorship of IPMR is organized on a regional and international basis with Associate Editors for regions and by nation in some cases. The Associate Editors share the task with the IPMR editorial group of finding good manuscripts for review. The Editorial Board of IPMR is composed of the leading public management scholars and practitioners around the world.

The articles in this issue are topically and conceptually diverse. Bryntse and Greve address competitive contracting for public services in Denmark and Sweden, drawing conclusions about the pervasiveness and success of contracting in these nations. Cárcaba-García, López-Díaz and Pablos-Rodríguez analyze the disclosure of financial information in local governments and recommend improvements to make reporting more comprehensive and user-friendly. Reichard provides an analysis of public management curricular and instructional innovations in an article developed from a paper prepared for the IPMN Workshop held in Odense, Denmark in July, 2001. McLaren contributes a critical essay on flaws in NPM and public management conceptualization of the citizen to whom services are delivered. In the last article Kaufman, Flowers, Guerra and Crispo assess management challenges for public service executives, illustrating their perspective with an example from Leon County, Florida.

We hope you enjoy reading the articles in this issue and that you consider submitting your work to IPMR at [ipmnet@aol.com](mailto:ipmnet@aol.com) for publication consideration.

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