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**Editors' Statement**

Abraham Mehrez, Professor at Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Israel and the first editor-in-chief of the Journal of Management Sciences and Regional Development has passed away.

Professor Mehrez was a man of strong personality and a highly motivated, creative and open minded scientist. He was a tireless and effective organizer of scientific meetings, seminars and symposia and a person who offered a lot towards the setting-up and the publication of this Journal.

The current issue of the Journal is dedicated to his memory. It contains selected papers from the 5<sup>th</sup> Symposium on Quantitative Methods. All papers were refereed.

Dear Abraham, rest in peace.

The Editors