Editorial Objectives

The Australasian Marketing Journal is an academic journal written for both scholars and practitioners. The objective of the amj is to publish articles that enrich the practice of marketing while simultaneously contributing to the advancement of the discipline. Therefore, manuscripts accepted for publication must be conceptually and theoretically sound, offer significant research findings and insights, and also suggest meaningful implications and recommendations for practitioners. Given amj’s diverse readership, preference is given to manuscripts that are generalisable across industries, nations and economies. Further, if the manuscript reports the findings of original research, the methodology and findings not only should be scientifically defensible but presented in a manner that readers with limited backgrounds in research methods and statistical analyses are not discouraged from reading the article.

Further explanation of the Editorial objectives is to be found on pages 5-6 of volume 9, Number 1, 2001 and also on the journal web-site (www.marketing.unsw.edu.au/amj)

General Principles

- It is our intention to publish well-written, readable articles with broad appeal and of international relevance.
- Contributors are encouraged to focus on either conceptual or empirical work and to outline practical implications for marketing. Topics should always relate to some aspect of marketing.
- New and first-time authors are particularly encouraged.
- At amj we are keen to publish more good papers which emanate from the Asia-Pacific region, or focus on the region in a global context.

Editorial Scope

It should be noted that research is not the only basis for an acceptable article. Case analyses, creative concepts and applications, book reviews, commentaries and other thought-provoking manuscripts will be considered. Particularly welcome are future-oriented manuscripts that offer visions of marketing in the twenty-first century and practical road maps for getting there.

The Review Process

Each paper is reviewed by the editor and, if it is judged as potentially suitable for this publication, it is then sent to two or three referees for double-blind peer-review. Based on their recommendations, the editor then decides whether the paper should be accepted as is, revised or rejected.

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Manuscript Requirements

Three copies of the manuscript should be submitted in double or one-and-half line spacing with wide margins and numbered pages. All authors should be listed, with author details printed on a separate sheet. Authors should not be identified anywhere else in the article.

Formatting of Manuscripts

As a guide, articles should be between 3,000 and 6,000 words in length. A title of not more than eight words should be provided. A brief autobiographical note should be supplied including full name, affiliation, e-mail address and full international contact details. Authors must supply an abstract of 100-150 words. Up to six keywords should be included which capture the principal topics covered by the article.

Where there is methodology, it should be clearly described under a separate heading. Headings and sub-headings must be short, clearly defined and numbered. Endnotes should be used only if absolutely necessary and must be identified in the text by consecutive numbers, enclosed in square brackets and listed at the end of the article.

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numbered consecutively, using Arabic numbers with a brief title and labelled axes. In the text, the position of the figure should be shown by typing on a separate line the words “take in Figure 2”. Good quality originals must be provided. Particular attention should be paid to the legibility and clarity of figures, charts and diagrams.

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