New paradigms and methodology area of Human Systems Management

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The primary purpose of this area of Human Systems Management is to focus on new paradigms and methodologies. While it can be argued that all the various areas outlined by the different editors try to accomplish this, it is the function of this particular area to deal directly with issues which are of a strictly paradigmal or methodological nature. Thus, if a paper is within the general confines of the two basic sections:

(1) Coping with Social Complexity and/or
(2) Action Research in Management, yet focuses primarily on the development of a new paradigm or methodology, it is appropriate for this area of the Journal.

The secondary purpose of this area is to accommodate papers which do not clearly fit into one of the other areas of Human Systems Management. Without such an alternative the Journal would become a victim of the rigidity of structure it intends to avoid. That is, there needs to be room for things that do not fit into preestablished categories.

Consonant with Human Systems Management’s goals, and perhaps more intensely, this area seeks papers that are clearly transdisciplinary in nature, break with tradition, are innovative, and deal at a high and responsible level with significant issues. No special preference will be given to either the qualitative/quantitative, or the theoretical/empirical dimensions.

To give potential authors an idea of the kind of creativity hoped for, the following articles are suggested for review. Note, suggesting these articles for perusal should in no way be construed as an endorsement of the ideas presented in them, rather they should be viewed as attempted breakaways from traditional thinking:

(2) “The problems of critical problem selection”, Peter Teige, Willis Harman and Peter Schwartz, in:


Specific requirements for authors are the same as those listed on the back cover of the Journal with the addition of the following: all mathematical analysis must be accompanied by a good verbal description that clearly explains the mathematics. The purpose of the Journal is to facilitate transdisciplinary communication, not to obfuscate it. Papers which cannot be made intelligible to the general readership of Human Systems Management probably belong in one of the already existing technical journals.

Lastly, I would like to make a personal appeal for any suggestions readers might have as to how to improve these guidelines. Furthermore, if any readers would like to serve as reviewers for this area, please identify your specific interests and send your vita to:

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