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Welcome to the inaugural issue of the *International Journal on Court Administration (IJCA)*. Co-Managing Editors Philip Langbroek and Barry Mahoney join me in extending to all of IACA's members and friends our hope that you will review and draw benefit from this first issue of the Journal. This inaugural issue reflects the effort, imagination, and commitment of IACA's Officers to respond to the need of our growing community of court system and related professionals throughout the world. We created IJCA to address your interests, inform your professional curiosity, report relevant research, and offer advice on aspects of court system governance, reform, management, and administration. We hope this initial issue is responsive.

Our introductory issue offers an excursion that extends from judicial system restructuring efforts in Abu Dhabi to initiatives for reducing delays in case processing in India; from how to conduct a weighted caseload analysis to a report on the efforts of the Council of Europe's Commission for the Efficiency of Justice to measure court quality; from a status report on the efforts of the Russian Judiciary to implement a system of professional court administrators and managers to an historical overview of how the administration of justice in Brazil's court system has evolved and progressed. Other themes also are explored.

There are three ways in which we invite you to contribute to making this novice Journal a useful and productive instrument for our profession. First, if you have undertaken or are aware of an interesting new development or initiative in the areas of court system governance, reform, management, or administration, please consider writing a description of it for submission to the Managing Editors. Second, if you have suggestions on how the IJCA might be improved or its value enhanced, please write to or call us. Third, please share access to IJCA with your friends and colleagues, and urge them to join IACA. Information on how to join is detailed on our website www.iaca.ws.