

Looking back – mille fois merci, Rainer Hampp

For almost three decades, the Rainer Hampp Verlag has been the home to the *management revue*. With the forthcoming volume our journal will transfer to the NOMOS-Verlag, as the Rainer Hampp Verlag discontinues all its journals and related business activities. This event inspires a short look back and a big “thank you” to our publisher.

Rainer Hampp called the *management revue* to life in 1991 as a German-speaking journal which in the first place published review articles of contributions in the field of management research. It was the aim of the journal to provide orientation in this diverse research field. Diether Gebert, Georg Schreyögg, Wolfgang H. Staehle and Dieter Wagner, the first team of publishers, defined management research from a behavioral perspective and focused on contributions from fields such as organizational theory, leadership, human resource management, as well as innovation management, knowledge management and strategic management. Publishers who succeeded the Berlin- and Potsdam-based founding fathers upheld this tradition.

Various developments – the formation of the research field in the German-speaking area, the increased orientation towards English-language journal publications, as well as the subsequent decrease in appreciation of orientation provision in the form of reviews – motivated the reinvention of the journal. Together with Rüdiger Kabst and Wenzel Matiaske, and backed by Richard Croucher und Rita Kellerman, Rainer Hampp transformed the *management revue* into an English-language journal of management research. The “international review of management studies”, as the newly chosen subtitle went, presented itself with an internationally constituted editorial board as well as a revamped layout. Publishers subsequently continued to focus on the above-mentioned research fields and provided an outlet especially for European authors, while flying the flag of interdisciplinarity.

The term “interdisciplinarity” comes along with high aspirations but only insufficiently defines the purpose towards which the interdisciplinary alignment is directed. With the subtitle “socio-economic studies” the publisher and the editors managed to find a new formula in 2013 for the economic and social-scientific orientation as well as the *management revue’s* aspirations towards the socio-politically embeddedness of its contributions which, by now, take an empirical and theoretical approach to research fields such as organization, human resources management, innovation and strategy.

Rainer Hampp has initiated, moderated and accompanied these developments in the most constructive fashion, has supported as well as pushed the journal, its authors and us, the editors, to come up with the best possible accomplishments. He was not only our publishing director who provided us with a fruitful production environment, but also a member of the team. Many thanks, dear Rainer!

All the best! Your
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