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Editorial

It gives me great pleasure to welcome readers to the February 2019 issue of Management, Procurement and Law. This is the start of my second full year as honorary editor and chair of the editorial advisory panel. During the last 12 months we have seen a development of the advisory panel and I have started to appreciate the relatively unique nature of the role of the panel on this and other Institution of Civil Engineers titles. Unlike other journals where the content and editorial decision-making is done, usually, by an editor-in-chief and a small number of sub-editors, on Management, Procurement and Law we have a team of currently 21 panel members.

The panel is comprised of a mix of academic and practice-based experts in the field. In 2018 we said goodbye to ten members and have welcomed four new members.

I will not mention panel members by name – the current panel is listed at the front of this issue – all contribute in different ways but the main point I wish to make is that it is not the size of the panel that matters but the commitment the members have to maintaining and improving the range and quality of papers that contribute to the growing body of knowledge in the management and delivery of projects in the built environment.

The panel does this by collectively pre-assessing all submissions and determining the most appropriate external peer-reviewers. It is a collective effort and my role as chair of the editorial advisory panel is made much simpler yet effective by the effort of these individuals. My thanks to them.
This first issue of 2019 is a busy one. While there are only three full peer-reviewed papers we also have two briefings, two discussions, three book reviews and also an announcement of the 2018 best-paper award from this journal. Our briefings are both from Terrence Davis who considers separate issues regarding the NEC3.

While NEC4 is now in full operation there are still many projects contractually administered under the previous edition and it is pleasing to see that this journal continues to provide a growing number of contributions to the body of knowledge and implementation of the NEC.

The first briefing (Davis, 2019a) reflects on the time-barring mechanism of NEC3 which the author considers is not always used correctly. The second (Davis, 2019b) turns to the Professional Services Contract within NEC3 and again highlights confusion over the interpretation of payment clauses. The author’s point in these discussions appears to be that unless NEC or indeed any other contract forms are interpreted and implemented correctly a negative view of these forms may emerge.

It is essential that forums such as Management, Procurement and Law continue to publish the thinking and experiences of those with in-depth and hands-on knowledge of these contract forms to sustain their impact in the industry.

**Briefings**

- **Time-bar provisions of NEC3 Engineering and Construction Contract clause W1.3**  
  By: Terrence Davis

- **Payment provisions of NEC3 Professional Services Contract**  
  By: Terrence Davis

**Papers**

- **Evaluating social value in the UK construction industry**  
  By: Tom Cartigny, Wayne Lord

- **Evaluating wind technicians’ performance on safety-critical rescue steps**  
  By: Kenneth Lawani, Billy Hare, Iain Cameron

- **Improving preliminary cost estimation in Indonesia using support vector regression**  
  By: Jieh-Haur Chen, Yu-Min Su, Diana Wahyu Hayati, Indradi Wijatmiko, Ragil Purnamasari