The advancement of sport management as an academic discipline depends on building a sustained mechanism to generate new knowledge in terms of accumulating, applying, and synthesizing information, analyzing the relationship from collected information, and understanding the patterns and principles derived from the data. Doing so, new knowledge is disseminated to students, trainees, and professionals; ultimately, it is applied to the sport industry settings and helps elevate the effectiveness, efficiency, and achievement level of sport organizations. Sport management research implies a careful and systematic means of solving problems that often emerge in the sport industry. Besides developing and testing theories, a research problem can entail resolving controversial issues and improving practices. Today, research investigations are becoming increasingly comprehensive as the industrial environment and research contexts are growing to be progressively complicated. Similar to other behavioral science disciplines, it often takes a multitude of perspectives to conduct a scientific inquiry in a sport management setting(s).

In an effort to promote high-quality research, enhance dialogue with conference attendees, and address contemporary issues associated with manuscript preparations, journal submissions, and peer-review process, the editors of leading sport management journals would like to collectively propose a roundtable, panel discussion session. These editors represent the Journal of Sport Management, Sport Management Education Journal, European Sport Management Quarterly, International Journal of Sport Marketing & Sponsorship, Sport Management Review, and Sport Marketing Quarterly. The panel members will begin with discussions on a series of topics pertaining to quality standard of manuscript acceptance, with such questions as ‘As the journal editor, what do you most want in a manuscript?’ and ‘What is the most common failing in manuscripts that you find to be borderline or even unacceptable?’ The focus of the panel will then be switched to discussing on ethical dilemmas and questionable practices often faced by journals today, including such questions as ‘Can someone use the same dataset for a submitted paper that is very similar to a paper already published in another journal?’ ‘Can someone resubmit a rejected paper to the same journal?’ and ‘Why is it ethically necessary to maintain reviewer and author confidentiality?’

The panel will end its prepared questions on providing guidance and advice for scholars to prepare, revise, and resubmit their manuscripts, with such questions as ‘What is the one thing that young or emerging researchers should focus on? ‘How do I respond to reviewers and what if I don’t agree with the reviews?’ and ‘What do I do when an article is rejected?’ Questions prepared by the panel members will be first displayed to inform the audience at the beginning of the roundtable discussions. Throughout the session, the attendees are given the opportunity and encouraged to ask questions and participate in the discussions. Approximately 5-10 minutes are planned for questions from the floor toward the end of the session.