**2020-21 highlights from the Journal of Hospitality and Tourism Education**

2020-2021 has been one of the most memorable time periods in the growth of Journal of Hospitality and Tourism Education (JHTE). We saw a solid increase in paper submissions despite the unprecedented global pandemic hitting hard our education system with numerous challenges. A special thank-you goes to JHTE’s highly committed and dedicated authors, editorial board members, and ad-hoc reviewers. At the ICHRIE conference, we hosted our annual meeting via Zoom with 24 ICHRIE members, including JHTE editorial board members.

JHTE’s key achievements include:

* JHTE had a call for papers for a special issue entitled “The impact of COVID 19 on Hospitality and Tourism Education”. Dr. Soobin Seo, Washington State University served as a guest editor. It was a great success. We initially received about 50 abstracts. We accepted ten papers. Five of them have been just published in a special issue this fall and the remaining five will appear in regular issues in winter 2021 and spring 2022.
* Because of the increasing number of article submissions and the growing backlog of accepted articles, Taylor and Francis, JHTE’s publisher, agreed to increase the page budget to include at least one more article in each issue starting from 2023.
* JHTE showed a healthy growth in citations. A mock SSCI impact factor calculated by Taylor and Francis has been increased from 0.81 (2019) to 1.97 (2020); CiteScore has been increased from 1.3 (2019) to 1.8 (2020).
* JHTE has 47 editorial board members representing United States, Canada, United Kingdom, Malaysia, Pakistan, India, Hong Kong, and Australia.
* JHTE’s current acceptance rate is 17%.

Innovative ideas will rise up in our education system in the future. We encourage hospitality educators to use JHTE as their research outlet and share their visions and pedagogy with other educators. At the end of this year, our JHTE editorship will come to an end. We truly enjoyed our journey with JHTE, trying to improve its status as a premier education journal in hospitality and tourism. We hope to see JHTE’s continued success under the guidance of new editorship.

Wish you all a great fall!

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