

This issue of the *International Journal of Leadership Studies* contains the sort of variety and “out-of-the-box” research that we hope to present on a regular basis. The first article is an unusually comprehensive review of the attributes of this thing called leadership. The table of information is very rich and should serve as a guide for students of leadership around the world. We were fortunate that Bruce Winston and Kathleen Patterson decided to bring this to IJLS. Mikhail Grachev and Mariya Bobina next present a look at leadership in Russia. The communist legacy combined with the new spirit of freedom in this country makes the study and description of leadership particularly challenging. Carl Oliver presents a study showing how crisis leadership can reveal much about a leader's values and moral development. Both the underlying theoretical thinking and the methodology of this paper present some great ideas for further studies. Next, Carole Murphy and her colleagues provide insight into the challenging process of a joint educational venture in South Africa. This case study is interesting reading in itself. However, I was intrigued by the scenarios it triggered and the aspects of this type of venture that we often don't consider in advance. Myra Dingman provides a Practitioner's Forum on the hot topic of executive coaching, a developing field also ready for considerable study.

Julia Mattera, our managing editor, and Doris Gomez, our web guru, have created a professional presentation. I hope you enjoy this issue. Let us hear your comments and suggestions for making IJLS even better.

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