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Empowering Disciplinary Construction and Practice Development of Information Resource Management with New Quality Productive Forces — — 2025 Foreword to *Library and Information Service* and *Knowledge Management Forum*

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Abstract

In 2024, *Library and Information Service* and *Knowledge Management Forum* (the two journals) closely followed Xi Jinping’s discourse on new quality productive forces, leveraging new quality productive forces to empower the disciplinary construction and practical development of information resources management. *Library and Information Service* received a total of 3,750 submissions throughout the year, publishing 287 papers, with an acceptance rate of 7.6%. It maintained its second place ranking in the Peking University Core, continued to be selected as a core journal in the Nanjing University CSSCI (Chinese Social Sciences Citation Index), retained its second place in the disciplinary comprehensive ranking on CNKI, continued to rank second in the *AMI Comprehensive Evaluation Report of Chinese Social Science Journals* (2022 edition) by the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (authoritative journal), continued to be included in the “China Science and Technology Core Journals” by the Institute of Scientific and Technical Information of China, continued to be selected for the T2 grade of FMS High-Quality Journals in Management Science, the “Think Tank Journal Cluster 2.0,” and CNKI’s “Internationally Influential Outstanding Chinese Journals,” maintained its first place ranking in total reprint volume in the discipline by the Renmin University of China Photocopied Newspaper and Journal Materials, and was included in the PubScholar Public Welfare Academic Platform and the China Science and Technology Paper Pre-release Platform of the Chinese Academy of Sciences. The journal fully launched its English website (synchronized with the Chinese website), actively prepared for inclusion in the Scopus database, and further expanded the international academic influence of the journal and its papers. The journal’s editorial system was upgraded to the latest version j3, featuring a new interface and new functionalities.

Full Text

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As the auspicious dragon of 2024 recedes into history's grandeur, we welcome the propitious snake of spring and embark on a new journey. 2024 has become history, and we are now forging ahead toward a hopeful 2025.

2024: A Year of Steady Progress and Innovation

In 2024, *Library and Information Service* and *Knowledge Management Forum* (hereinafter referred to as “the two journals”) devoted significant attention to General Secretary Xi Jinping’s discourse on new quality productive forces, striving to empower the disciplinary construction and practical development of information resource management through this new paradigm.

Library and Information Service received 3,750 submissions throughout the year, publishing 287 articles with an acceptance rate of 7.6%. The journal maintained its second-place ranking in the Peking University Core Journals list, continued to be selected as a CSSCI core journal, preserved its second-place position in the disciplinary comprehensive ranking on CNKI, and retained its second-place ranking (as an authoritative journal) in the *AMI Comprehensive Evaluation Report of Chinese Social Science Journals* (2022 Edition) by the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences. It also continued to be included in the “Chinese S&T Core Journals” by the Institute of Scientific and Technical Information of China, remained selected as a T2-grade journal in the FMS High-Quality Journals in Management Science list, maintained its position in the “Think Tank Journal Cluster 2.0” and CNKI’s “Internationally Influential Outstanding Chinese Journals,” and continued to rank first in total reprints in its discipline in the Renmin University Photocopying and Reprinting Materials. The journal was also indexed by the PubScholar open-access platform and the ChinaXiv preprint platform. Its English website was fully launched (synchronized with the Chinese website), and the journal is actively preparing for inclusion in the Scopus database to further expand its international academic influence. Additionally, the editorial management system was upgraded to the latest version j3, featuring a new interface and enhanced functionalities.

As a sister journal to *Library and Information Service*, *Knowledge Management Forum* operates as a digital-only, fully open-access publication (already indexed in DOAJ). It continues to focus on innovative developments in knowledge management, knowledge organization, and knowledge services within the digital and intelligent environment, supports interdisciplinary research, and encourages exploratory innovation, resulting in steadily increasing academic influence. In

2024, the journal received 232 submissions, published 43 articles with an acceptance rate of 18.5%, with 67% of published papers being funded research. Download and citation rates increased significantly (CNKI data). The journal also plans to launch its English website in 2025.

Academic Engagement and Community Building

In 2024, the two journals continued to serve as media supporters for multiple conferences, actively participating in national and regional academic activities (including manuscript selection and review). As primary organizers or co-organizers, they hosted six academic conferences and workshops in Zibo (May 7–10), Suzhou (May 22–25), Zhengzhou (July 9–12), Beijing (August 5–9), Jinan (September 24–27), and Jilin City (November 27–30), receiving strong support from various stakeholders with approximately 800 participants. The journals also issued the *Regulations on Authorship Attribution of Library and Information Service Publishing House* to standardize author attribution practices. The editorial board currently comprises 220 members, 15 of whom received the Ministry of Education’s 9th (2024) Outstanding Research Achievements Award (Humanities and Social Sciences), demonstrating the board’s formidable academic strength.

2025: Vision and Strategic Priorities

In 2025, as China’s only large-scale academic journals dedicated to the first-tier discipline of information resource management, the two journals will continue to promote the empowerment of information resource management disciplinary construction and practical development through new quality productive forces. They will more deeply and closely integrate into the academic community, continuing to focus on major strategies such as Digital China, digital culture, artificial intelligence, big data, and large models, all guided by the new quality productive forces framework. The journals will support strategic planning research for the 15th Five-Year Plan period in information resource management and continue to emphasize important topics including AI4S, AI empowerment, data-driven research, data elements, and digital humanities. They will further learn from and draw upon the operational models of natural science journals, strengthen topic planning, special issue organization, and commissioned contributions, and better leverage the role of editorial board members (including advisory and young editors) in writing, reviewing, and recommending manuscripts. By fully relying on the rigorous review mechanisms of peer experts, the journals will further enhance academic quality and influence while promoting the organic integration of localization and internationalization. They will continue to plan and participate in various domestic information resource management activities, with scheduled events including the “Information Resource Management Research and Academic Writing Workshop” at Hebei University (Baoding) on May 8–9 and the “Knowledge Management and Knowledge Services Symposium” at Xinjiang University of Finance and Economics (Ürümqi) on July 11–12,

thereby building stronger bridges for professional communication and academic exchange among experts, authors, readers, and editors.

Institutional Transition and Enduring Mission

In 2024, with strong support from all stakeholders, the two journals completed the first year of their transition from a magazine publishing house (enterprise) to a limited liability company (restructured). In 2025, they will begin preparations for deregistration and complete this process by year-end, returning to public institution status and concluding the 20-year arduous journey since their enterprise transformation in 2004. Regardless of institutional status, the journals' original mission to support scientific research, serve the academic community, promote exchange, and foster innovation remains unchanged.

Reflection and Commitment

Reviewing the two journals' work in 2024 aims to document the milestones of our publishing journey—milestones that carry the dedication and hardships of sponsoring institutions, authors, editorial board members, peer reviewers, and editorial staff alike. Journal publishing is a challenging undertaking. We are filled with anticipation and hope for 2025. While there is no such thing as perfect, we can always strive for better. Although the tangible pressures of market-oriented enterprise operations will disappear, the intangible pressure to publish even better academic journals will remain. While the two journals may have contributed modestly to scholars' and professionals' career advancement, promotions, awards, research grants, project completions, and graduate student employment, we more deeply value and identify with the irreplaceable role that academic journals play in facilitating academic exchange, driving innovative transformation, supporting national strategies, and leading frontier research.

Conclusion: Embracing the Future

As 2025 marks the final year of the 14th Five-Year Plan, the two journals shoulder significant professional responsibilities and academic missions. We are committed to building them into “warm” journals—publications that belong not just to you and me, but to every fellow traveler on the academic journey. Rooted in the fertile soil of the academic community and oriented toward national strategic needs, we will uphold our academic 初心 (original aspiration) amid the waves of big data and AI. We will focus on original, innovative, responsible, valuable, and accountable research, carefully guarding the pure land of “academia” and striving to construct a healthy, vibrant, and sustainable academic ecosystem.

The future is already here. Faced with the infinite possibilities of information resource management, are you ready?

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