English Version

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Distinguished colleagues,

It is my pleasure to inform you that RI/IR – your journal – has officially obtained the largest grant allocation possible by the CRSH (Canadian funding agency) and the largest allocation in its history. This news was made public in June, 2022. To provide some context here, eight journals (out of 143 that sought funding from the Federal government) were ranked in the top tier of applications – comfortably putting us in the top 5% of outcomes across all domains! The link with the result of the funding round is here: https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/results-resultats/recipients-recipiendaires/2021/asj-fra.aspx

With your help, our ambitious reform agenda appears to be working. I believe it will soon establish our journal as a leading scholarly employment relations periodical. Some of the more challenging agendas that are immediately in front of us (and which will further bolster our performance are as follows)

1. We are moving to a completely open-access format as of 2023
2. Although we have had some slight delays, we will have an all new – and I believe compelling – new website very soon
3. We will soon be offering authors/contributors new tools and services to promote and publicise their work
4. We will continue to emphasise – and be transparent about – our performance on standard international metrics for assessing the performance of scholarly journals
5. We will continue to emphasises diversity, inclusion and (above all), scholarly excellence in inviting new people from around the world to be part of our incredible editorial committee.

I must take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and encouragement (especially our interim President, Johanna Weststar) – and, of course, our small team here: Yves , Sam, and Karyna (without whom, we simply would not have had the result we obtained on the CRSH).

Yours sincerely

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