

Brief Interview with Dr. Richard Charnigo

(Editor-in-Chief)

Journal of Biometrics & Biostatistics

1. How many years have you been associated with the current research?

I have been a faculty member with teaching and research responsibilities for almost 11 years.

2. What is the research topic you are working on now?

I work in several areas, including: mixture modeling, nonparametric smoothing, cardiovascular medicine, psychology, and public health.

3. What are attributes for a quality article?

In general, a quality article should express new and important insights. The article should also be well written and technically accurate.

4. Do you have any research funding (NIH or other national funding) now?

I am a co-investigator on several NIH grants. In the past, I have been the principal investigator on a grant from NSF and a grant from ARO.

5. When did you become an editor of OMICS Journal?

I became an editor-in-chief of JBMBS in 2012.

6. Where can the journal find the maximum scope in terms of niche?

As an open access journal, JBMBS already has a niche. However, because some persons have greeted open access journals with skepticism, JBMBS and other open access journals must strive for quality articles and a rigorous peer-review process.

7. What is your greatest career accomplishment?

My greatest career accomplishments are securing research funding from NSF and ARO.

8. How does the published scientific content assist the potential researchers?

Most research, even the most important work, must build off of what was previously known. So, quality articles published in JBMBS and other journals provide a foundation upon which other researchers can build.

9. What is the purpose of serving as an editor?

Being a journal editor is a service to the profession, inasmuch as one is highly engaged in the dissemination of scientific content, which is important in its own right and which provides a foundation upon which other researchers can build. In addition, being a journal editor provides some opportunities for mentorship of junior faculty.

10. Do you have any patents?

I do not have any patents.

11. Have you contributed any editorials or papers (any types) to OMICS Journals in the past two years?

I have contributed numerous works to JBMBS in the past two years.

12. Do you plan to contribute any editorials or papers to OMICS Journals in the next year?

Yes. In fact, I plan to contribute an editorial and a research article within the next two months.

13. How would you define your experience with OMICS Group?

I would characterize my experience with OMICS Group as positive. In serving as an editor-in-chief of JBMBS, I have had an opportunity to serve my profession and mentor junior faculty that I would not have had otherwise.

14. Your opinion on conducting Editorial Board meetings at related Conferences?

Conferences are a suitable venue for Editorial Board meetings.

15. Would you recommend OMICS to your friends or colleagues?

I would tell my friends and colleagues that my experience with OMICS Group has been positive. In fact, I have encouraged many of them to submit work to JBMBS.

16. How do you differentiate Journal of Biometrics & Biostatistics with other journals in the field?

Perhaps the most important distinction is that JBMBS is open access; many journals in the field are not. As noted earlier, this provides a special challenge for JBMBS to strive for quality articles and a rigorous peer-review process.