We’re still growing! As of today, the OMT Division has over 4100 members, of which approximately half are from outside the U.S. (finally, Canada is not lumped in with the U.S.). These are very encouraging signals of the vibrancy of OMT within the Academy.

The importance of OMT and the growth in our membership were reflected in the high number of submissions to this year’s Academy Conference in Montreal, and the super programme put together by Christine Beckman, who handled the PDW and pre-conference activities, and Matt Kraatz, who coped heroically with the very demanding responsibility for the programme. Having been through those roles, I am full of admiration for what they accomplished.

We should also remember the creative work of the elected representatives who handled the various consortia. These are tremendously successful and highly popular activities. Thanks also to the numerous senior members of OMT who participate in these developmental forums! One who deserves especial thanks is Don Palmer, who coordinated the process for our new award – Best Paper published in the post year. Many thanks Don, and congratulations to Kate Kellogg, the inaugural winner.

Now to the future. The OMT Division successfully came through its formal review by the Academy and the process identified two areas where we should focus more attention and seek improvement:

- communications with our members; and
- services for our international members

Our response to the first item has been to completely overhaul the website. Take a look at it and, better still, use and contribute to it. On the second issue, we have established an international task force to examine what might be done - Eero Vaara has agreed to be its chair and Candace Jones, who has been an elected representative for the past three years, has volunteered to act as a liaison. But, we need your input – so, if you have ideas, or would like to
join the task force, contact Eero. Get involved!

Every year sees a changing of the guard. Michael Lounsbury is your new incoming Chair, and Eva Boxenbaum and Klaus Weber are your new elected representatives. Those who have completed their terms of service and riding off into the sunset are Willie Ocasio, Candace Jones and Diane Burton. Many congratulations and thanks to them. The current Executive Committee is given below.

Before signing off, let me give our outgoing Chair, Henrich Greve, a warm and very well-deserved ‘thank you’. Last year, his calm and always humorous contributions as Chair kept the ship not only afloat, but moving forwards. In addition to nudging us along and providing to myself (as Chair-designate) sage and timely advice, he took responsibility for our Academy review. Thanks Henrich!