

## Thanking Reviewers – a new voucher system

The Editors and Staff of the BJR are very much aware of the amount of work that reviewers do on behalf of the Journal and greatly appreciate their input.

In the past reviewers have been offered 25 additional free reprints of their next publication in the Journal. However, with the increasing use of electronic communication this is now perceived as rather dated and no longer appropriate. Therefore, in order to recognise the work load and effort of reviewers by some more suitable token marker of thanks we have introduced a voucher scheme.

Subject to receipt of a satisfactory report in a reasonable time frame, we shall be pleased to send each reviewer a voucher with a nominal value of £20. The voucher will be made out in the name of the reviewer, be valid for two years and not transferable. Only one voucher may be used per transaction, the voucher has no cash value, and cannot be used in conjunction with any other special offers.

### The voucher can be redeemed in one of three ways

1. Set against the purchase price of a BIR publication
2. Set against the cost of a BIR meeting
3. For a non-member, reduction in the cost of the first year's subscription on becoming a BIR Member.

The scheme will be reviewed after 12 months and, subject to usage of the vouchers, cost of the scheme and feed-back from reviewers, further relaxation in the conditions may be introduced, e.g. transfer of voucher to a more junior member of the department, use of more than one voucher for some transactions.

We recognise of course that the value of the voucher in no way reflects the time and expertise reviewers give to their task. Nevertheless, we hope that reviewers will accept the vouchers as a mark of appreciation for their support and help.

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