

EDITOR'S NOTE

Dear authors, reviewers, readers and colleagues,

Firstly, we would like to express our gratitude to all of you who contributed to the Journal's scientific production in 2017. We strongly believe that proper path is set in terms of the quality and quantity of the papers and we hope that we shall proceed with the same enthusiasm and drive during 2018 as well.

Even though the year 2017 started with tragic departure of our dear Editor-in-Chief, the Journal's team and the Editorial Board have managed to deal with the entire demanding task timely and with full commitment. It is worth mentioning that the number of papers for the current issue has been significantly increased due to the cooperation with University of Dubrovnik where the conference SINCERE (1st International Conference "Smart Ideas and a New Concept of Economic Regeneration in Europe") was held at the end of 2016. We received the best papers presented at the Conference, which resulted in publication of six papers.

One of the main policies of our Journal is to cooperate with Universities and provide incentive to scientific research by selecting the best papers presented at conferences. For that reason, we are planning to publish the best papers at the Conference that shall be organised by our Faculty – **Digitomics – Economics of digital transformation** in Opatija in the period 2nd – 4th May 2018. You can register and apply to the Conference at the web page: www.edt-conference.com. Apart from paper presentations, the Conference will provide round tables for scientists and practitioners, discussions on publishing opportunities and practices, presentations of the stellar keynote speakers and members of our Editorial Board and International Advisory Board. In addition, with the support of our partners from the private sector, we are preparing special events that demonstrate impressive technological advances and potentials available in contemporary scientific and practical life.

Finally, we are proud to note that we are constantly improving the quality of our publishing process. Besides using the Crosscheck tools in order to provide safeguard against potential plagiarism, we have also become a member of the European Association of Science Editors (EASE). EASE is an international community of individuals and associations from diverse backgrounds, linguistic traditions and professional experience in science communication and editing. However, that is not all. As early as the beginning of 2018, we are planning to change our methodological framework in terms of editorial procedure and publication guidelines. Our aim is to fasten the process of publication by delivering information on paper status to the authors within 10 days, and publish the received papers within the timespan of two months. Therefore, during 2018, we shall introduce online publication of forthcoming papers that are to appear in a printed biannual issue later on. Furthermore, in order to introduce some additional improvements, we are enhancing our publishing policy by broadening and clarifying the themes of our interest. Therefore, please do take your time and read our methodological guidelines more carefully and frequently.

We are open to your comments, suggestions, invitations and cooperation proposals.

We wish you a great and scientifically productive 2018!

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