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## *The Editor's Corner*

In our first number of the first volume the editorial board dedicatedly promised to keep moving toward our aim: to have a journal that would provide readers with findings and research in a variety of areas. We keep the promise – the second number is published. However, it was not only our promise that kept us moving and working on the second number.

We were also encouraged by your responses to the first number. We have received positive and supportive letters and e-mails from readers in Europe and North America, which increased the enthusiasm to continue with our work. The letter by Alan Anov is published in this number in the new section called Reflections, Comments, Discussions. We kindly invite you to open discussions on the articles, send your comments and engage the audience in critical dialogues.

The second number of the Journal embraces two research areas, economics and education. Kevin Lawler and Chih-Cheng Yang discuss the competition and oligopoly of UK grocery retailing. Their article might raise some interesting issues also for a reader who is not 'an economist'. Jani Beko discusses demand functions for services of public railway passenger transportation and Matjaž Novak provides an analysis of the nature of economic growth of the Slovenian economy. Slovenia has undergone major economic changes and restructuring in the recent, post-independence era, therefore both articles contribute to better understanding and knowledge about current movements in the Slovenian economy. Njoki Wane and Wambui Gathenya analyse policy reforms in Kenya and their implications for equitable access to education. They discuss 'gender' and 'class' barriers that might affect education for women in Kenya. With their article, the authors have 'opened a page' in our Journal that might be of an interest for other scholars and researchers – the question of equity which is still under-discussed in the current 'competition and survival' global village. Keith Walker, Kirk Anderson, Larry Sackney and Jeff Woolf discuss the first year school principals and factors that affect their success. Their article, if seen in the context of decentralization and devolution of power to schools, offers an insight into the first year principals who are confronted with challenges but also with tasks and duties that might threaten their success. The article might specifically be found interesting for those readers who work with principals.

In November 2003, Faculty of Management Koper also hosts an in-

ternational conference Knowledge Society: Challenges to Management. We hope to have the opportunity to publish some articles on this topic in the Volume 2 Number 1. We kindly invite you, the reader, to consider the topic and contribute your work to the Journal. Also other topics are welcome.

Dear reader, author, Editorial Board member! At the end of 2003, let me use this opportunity to express my gratefulness and appreciation for your contribution to the Journal. Your work, either by contributing articles, reviewing them or working as a Board member, has shaped and framed the Journal. As the editor of the Journal I am pleased to have you 'on board' and wish you all the best in forthcoming 2004.

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