

The Editor's Corner

With the current Volume 5 the journal has begun a new phase in its development – the phase of bringing it to a much wider international audience. In the past few years the journal has been listed in three international databases: the International Bibliography of the Social Sciences (IBSS), the EconPapers database (the Research Papers in Economics Database – REPEC), and the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ). Starting approximately at the time of printing of this issue (March 2007) the journal is also being included in the EconLit database. Our efforts to still further internationalize the journal necessitated reinforcement of our editorial board with new members. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the editorial team and all the contributors for their efforts in raising this journal to even higher international levels.

The journal continues focusing on the transition research and emphasizing openness to different research areas, topics, and methods, as well as international and interdisciplinary research nature of scholarly articles published in the journal. The current issue covers topics of the dynamics of trade, the performance of banking industry, the relationship between quality management and customer satisfaction, the economic cultural influences on management, and the questions related to the workforce adaptation of minorities.

This issue starts with a paper written by Imre Fertő, who examines the dynamics of trade in Central and Eastern European countries. In the second paper, Catarina Figueira, Joseph G. Nellis, and David Parker investigate the performance of banking industry in Poland and compare the Polish banking sector to the banking sector in the United Kingdom. The third paper of Franka Piskar looks at the impact of the quality management system ISO 9000 on customer satisfaction in Slovenia. In the fourth paper, Rune Gulev examines economic cultural influences on management in the context of international headquarters-subsidiary relationships in selected European countries. In the last – fifth paper, Waheeda Lillevik investigates cultural diversity, competences and behaviour with the emphasis on workforce adaptation of minorities in Canada.

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