Dear Readers and Friends of Acta Oeconomica Pragensia,

It is a great honour for me to introduce the first issue of our journal Acta Oeconomica Pragensia (AOP) in this new era. Despite its long tradition since 1993, the AOP journal has undergone significant changes in the last five years in response to the development of journal quality evaluation and tough competition from other scientific journals.

Since 2015, the journal has been published by the Faculty of Management, University of Economics in the beautiful and historic town of Jindřichův Hradec in South Bohemia. As a result, the economic scope of the journal has been extended to management science, marketing, organization studies, strategic planning and decision-making methods, leadership studies, and total quality management. The economic section covers issues regarding all aspects, both theoretical and applied, of the production, distribution, and consumption of goods and services. These include both generalist and specialist resources, such as political economy, behavioural economy, agricultural economics, macroeconomics, microeconomics, econometrics, trade, and planning. The AOP journal has been published four times a year since 2017.

Since 2018, AOP has been issued completely in English as it is the most widely spoken language in scientific literature. The regional focus of the journals has been narrowed down to Central and Eastern European (CEE) countries including the Visegrad Group, the Baltic States, the Balkan Peninsula, Ukraine, Belarus, and Russia. The reason for the regional focus is that the CEE countries have similar cultural roots and often share a common historical development. The journals address both the common topics of economic development and issues related to the management of organizations of various focus and size. There are many serious problems in economics and management in the CEE countries for which the AOP journal is one of the best communication platforms.

Therefore, the vision of the journal is to become an internationally recognized platform for the exchange of research knowledge in the field of economics and management in the CEE region.

Following the narrowed regional scope, the editorial board has been significantly enriched by many foreign experts from most of the CEE countries. Foreign members were selected with respect to their specialization, regional competence, and international reputation to improve the quality of the journal. The editorial board has worked hard to index the journal in respected abstract and citation databases to improve its quality and international reputation.

The main section of the journal features original scientific articles in which the authors present the latest results of their research. The main content of the AOP journal is comprised of original research articles. These involve fully fledged theoretical studies or empirical analysis, supported by the current level of knowledge and the scientific apparatus. The AOP journal also publishes reviews and theoretical and empirical consultations which often also introduce important personalities from the social science fields. Finally, a book review section applies to one or more new book publications that

were published in the English language no later than three years prior to the expected review's publication and concern the economic and managerial issues of Central and Eastern European countries. These sections do not fundamentally differ from that of other scientific journals.

A unique project of the AOP journal is to create a special sub-section for authors from among PhD students and their mentors. From the very beginning of its existence, the journal has provided high-quality feedback to PhD students for their research in the form of constructive critical reviews by renowned reviewers. The new section is marginal in terms of its size but is of great importance.

I believe that the AOP journal will provide you with much new and useful information from scientific life as well as the opportunity to publish your research results. I hope you enjoy the new issue of the journal.

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