

Editorial Foreword

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Dear Journal of Applied Economics and Business Research (JAEBR) stakeholders,

We started the Journal of Applied Economics and Business Research (JAEBR) in 2011 and quickly found that a few papers had been plagiarized. Hence, other journals started to retract published articles. To establish and sustain the quality of JAEBR, we discussed plagiarism within our academic circle and started to use software to analyze each submission. We also discovered that many researchers were unaware of any misconduct conduct issues. They simply wondered: Why would journals retract the papers? And why would researchers plagiarize?

Those discussions inspired us to learn more about research misconduct. We then published an earlier study, “Retraction, Dishonesty and Plagiarism,” in JAEBR (Karabag and Berggren, 2012). We also closely followed Lichtenhaler case in the Management field. Later, we uncovered some other serial fraudsters and ad hoc misdemeanors. This encouraged us to continue with a second study to learn about other journals’ experiences and practices (Karabag and Berggren, 2016). The results showed us that we, the beginners and unexperienced editors of JAEBR, successfully followed several crucial steps to create a high-quality publication.

In 2015, Thomson Reuters contacted us about being included in their new index, ESCI (Emerging Sources Citation Index). This was exciting and encouraging, and we will do our best to be a part of SSCI in the future. Of course, everything has not been positive. During this process, Chi Keung Lau (Marco) left the editorial team. We wish him the best. In the near future, we will look for new members.

Before ending this editorial, I would like introduce four interesting papers in this issue. Patra and Roa (2016) analyze technology adaptation and the growth of Indian firms in the automobile industry. In the second paper, Lai examines the relation between fiscal policy, consumption home bias and macroeconomic dynamics. In the third paper, Ozgun and Gurus study the impact of bank features and macroeconomic factors on bank performance. In the final paper, Ozdamar and Giovanis review the impact of survivor benefits on widows’ health and wealth.

Before ending this editorial I would like to thank you for your interest in JAEBR and sincerely hope that you will enjoy reading this issue.

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