

## Editorial Note

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Since the last Editorial Note, published in the Volume 4, Issue 1, March 2015, several outstanding facts have influenced the evolution of *Economics and Business Letters (EBL)*, a journal launched in 2012. We review here the most important ones with regard to indexing, journal statistics, citations, most cited articles, and acknowledgements, especially to the referees.

### 1. Indexing

*Economics and Business Letters (EBL)* has been evaluated and accepted in ESCI - Emerging Sources Citation Index (Web of Science) from 2015 and also in Scopus from 2017. In addition, EBL has been included in the Academic Journal Guide 2018 among the 336 journals selected for the category "Economics, Econometrics and Statistics". Finally, EBL has been evaluated and accepted in *Econlit* in 2017. Our next goal is to get included in the SSCI - Social Sciences Citation Index (Web of Science).

### 2. Journal statistics

The activity report, summarized in Table 1, reflects the evolution of submissions between 2012 and 2017. In this period, we have handled a total of 339 manuscripts, with a rejection rate of 61.36 per cent (with increasing desk rejections to favor both the authors and the referees).

Table 1. Activity report 2012-2017

	2012		2013		2014		2015		2016		2017	
	N.	%	N.	%	N.	%	N.	%	N.	%	N.	%
<i>Received</i>	81	100	45	100	50	100	65	100	55	100	43	100
<i>Accepted</i>	25	30.86	21	46.67	30	60.00	20	30.77	24	43.64	11	25.58
<i>Rejected</i>	56	69.14	24	53.33	20	40.00	45	69.23	31	56.36	32	74.42

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### 3. Citations

Due to the acceptance in Scopus, but without SJR indicator until next year, we have (self) computed the citations received by *Economics and Business Letters (EBL)* in this database for information purposes only. This information is updated as of April 2018. Note that accepted / online first articles are not included here (nor self-citations), only those articles actually published in an issue each year. Next, we provide an overview of the citations in journal articles included in SCOPUS:

#### 3-years

2017

- Cites in 2017 to articles published in 2014-2016: 21
- Number of articles published in 2014-2016: 67
- Cites/articles 2017 (3years): **0.313**

2016

- Cites in 2016 to articles published in 2013-2015: 17
- Number of articles published in 2013-2015: 69
- Cites/articles 2016 (3years): 0.246

2015

- Cites in 2015 to articles published in 2012-2014: 24
- Number of articles published in 2012-2014: 72
- Cites/articles 2015 (3years): 0.333

#### 5-years

2017

- Cites in 2017 to articles published in 2012-2016: 31
- Number of articles published in 2012-2016: 110
- Cites/articles 2017 (5years): **0.282**

Finally, we note that *Economics and Business Letters (EBL)* has a Google Scholar profile. This can be accessed via <https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=syBPq1AAAAAJ&hl=en>. As of April 2018:

- Citations: 338
- h-index: 10
- i10-index: 11

#### Most cited papers

Table 2 includes the most cited articles of *Economics and Business Letters (EBL)*. Here we compute only citations in journals included in SSCI/SCI and/or Scopus.

Table 2. Most cited articles (as of April 2018).

<i>Paper</i>	<i>Citations</i>
A.Y. Javid, M. Javid and Z.A. Awan (2013) <a href="#">Electricity consumption and economic growth: evidence from Pakistan</a> , Economics and Business Letters, 2(1), 21-32.	9
Patuelli, R., M. Mussoni and G. Candela (2014) <a href="#">Cultural offer and distance in a spatial interaction model for tourism</a> , Economics and Business Letters, 3(2), 96-108.	6
Lansink, A.O. and A. Wall (2014) <a href="#">Frontier models for evaluating environmental efficiency: an overview</a> , Economics and Business Letters 3(1), 43-50.	6
Ntim, C.G. (2012) <a href="#">Does the South African stock market value independent dual board leadership structure?</a> , Economics and Business Letters, 1(1), 35-45.	6
Alvarez, A. and C. Arias (2014) <a href="#">Some important issues in applied stochastic frontier analysis</a> , Economics and Business Letters, 3(1), 3-11.	5
Grosskopf, S., Hayes, K., Taylor, L.L (2014) <a href="#">Applied efficiency analysis in education</a> , Economics and Business Letters, 3(1), 19-26.	5
Aiello, F. and Bonanno, G. (2013) <a href="#">Profit and cost efficiency in the Italian banking industry (2006-2011)</a> , Economics and Business Letters, 2(4), 190-205.	5
Filippini, M. and L. Orea (2014) <a href="#">Applications of the stochastic frontier approach in Energy Economics</a> , Economics and Business Letters, 3(1), 35-42.	4
Zhao, J. and P.J. Barry (2013) <a href="#">Implications of different income diversification indexes: the case of rural China</a> , Economics and Business Letters, 2(1), 13-20.	4

#### 4. Acknowledgements

We greatly appreciate the effort of authors, referees (see Tables 3, 4, and 5 for the List of Referees in 2015, 2016, and 2017 respectively), and Associate Editors for their valuable contribution to the journal.

Table 3. List of referees in 2015.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Affiliation</i>
Duha T. Altindag	Auburn University, USA
Martin A. Andresen	Simon Fraser University, Canada
Ana Angulo	University of Zaragoza, Spain
Bettina Bokemeier	Universität Bielefeld, Germany
Mohsen Bahmani-Oskooee	University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, USA
Oscar Bajo-Rubio	University of Castilla-La Mancha, Spain
Javier L. Bernardo	Kingston University, UK
Keshab Bhattarai	University of Hull, UK
Christian Bjornskov	University of Aarhus, Denmark
James A. Brander	Sauder School of Business, Canada
Jorg Breitung	University of Bonn, Germany
Nicolas Cachanosky	Metropolitan State University of Denver, USA
Bong Geun Choi	University of Chicago, USA
Aitor Ciarreta	UPV, Spain
Simeon Coleman	Loughborough University, UK
Emilio Congregado	University of Huelva, Spain

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Bradford Cornell	California Institute of Technology, USA
David Cuberes	Clark University, USA
John Paul Deane	UCC, Ireland
Oscar Dejuan	University of Castilla-La Mancha, Spain
Claudio Detotto	CNRS, France
Carmen Diaz Roldan	University of Castilla-La Mancha, Spain
Michael Donadelli	Goethe University Frankfurt, Germany
Sheldon (Xiaodong) Du	University of Wisconsin, USA
Takeshi Ebina	Tokyo University of Science, Japan
Grigorios Emvalomatis	University of Dundee, UK
Lucio Esposito	University of East Anglia, UK
Zied Ftit	EDC Paris, France
Luis A. Gil-Alana	University of Navarra, Spain
Paskalis Glabadanidis	University of Adelaide, Australia
Eduardo Gonzalez	University of Oviedo, Spain
Yannig Goude	EDF, France
Jang-Ting Guo	University of California, USA
Ferda Halicioglu	Istanbul Medeniyet University, Turkey
Joshua C. Hall	West Virginia University, USA
Fausto Hernandez-Trillos	CIDE, Mexico
Mark J. Holmes	Waikato University, New Zealand
Tao Hong	University of North Carolina at Charlotte, USA
Florence Huart	Université de Lille, France
Robert S. Hudson	University of Hull, UK
Peter N. Ireland	Boston College, USA
Keiichiro Kanemoto	Kyushu University, Japan
Natalia Kolesnikova	University of Mississippi, USA
Aviral Kumar Tiwari	IBS/IFHE Hyderabad, India
Lukasz Lach	AGH University of Science and Technology, Poland
Michael Lamla	University of Essex, UK
Vivien Lewis	Catholic University Leuven, Belgium
Simonetta Longhi	University of Essex, UK
Sonia Longo	Università degli Studi di Palermo, Italy
Katarzyna Maciejowska	Wroclaw University of Technology, Poland
Serguei Maliar	Stanford University, USA
Jaan Masso	University of Tartu, Estonia
Nicola Meccheri	University of Pisa, Italy
Amilcar Menichini	Naval Postgraduate School, USA
Valerie Mignon	University of Paris Ouest - Nanterre La Défense, France
Victor Montuenga	University of Zaragoza, Spain
Salvatore Morelli	CSEF, Italy
Yasutomo Murasawa	Konan University, Japan
Rafael Myro	University Complutense of Madrid, Spain
Yasunori Okumura	Tokyo University, Japan
Rupayan Pal	Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, India
Theodore Panagiotidis	University of Macedonia, Greece
Theologos Pantelidis	University of Piraeus, Greece
Yaimara Peñate	University of Oviedo, Spain
Diego J. Pedregal	University of Castilla-La Mancha, Spain
Jose R. Pires Manso	Universidade da Beira Interior, Portugal
Andrea Presbitero	Università Politecnica delle Marche, Italy
Paulo J. Regis	Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University, China

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Francisco Rodriguez	University of Granada, Spain
Davide Romelli	Trinity College Dublin, Ireland
Robert Rowthorn	King's College Cambridge, UK
Paraskevi Salamaliki	University of Konstanz, Germany
Charbel Salloum	Holy Spirit University of Kaslik, Lebanon
Maria Santana-Gallego	Universitat de les Illes Balears, Spain
James W. Saunoris	Eastern Michigan University, USA
Malcolm Sawyer	Leeds University, UK
Anthony A. Smith Jr.	Yale University, USA
Ralf Steinhauser	Hamburg University, Germany
Patricia Suarez-Cano	University of Oviedo, Spain
Lorne Switzer	Concordia University, Canada
Athanasios Tagkalakis	Bank of Greece, Greece
Emmanouil Trachanas	Oxford Brookes University, UK
Fabio Tramontana	University of Pavia, Italy
Juan Ramon Trapero	University of Castilla-La Mancha, Spain
Stefan Trueck	Macquarie University, Australia
Lenno Uuskyla	Eesti Pank, Estonia
Shaun Vahey	University of Warwick, UK
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Andrey Vasnev	The University of Sydney, Australia
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Matti Viren	University of Turku, Finland
Dimitrios Vortelinos	University of Lincoln, UK
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Claudia Williamson	Mississippi State University, USA
Klaus Wohlrabe	IFO, Germany
Matthias Wrede	Friedrich-Alexander-Universität, Germany
Akira Yakita	Nagoya City University, Japan
Luca Zamparelli	University of Roma, Italy
Francesco Zanetti	University of Oxford, UK

Table 4. List of referees in 2016.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Affiliation</i>
Paul Alagidede	Wits University, South Africa
Constantinos Alexiou	Cranfield University, UK
Davide Antonioli	University 'G d'Annunzio' of Chieti-Pescara, Italy
Nicholas Apergis	University of Piraeus, Greece
Muhammad Asali	Tbilisi State University, Georgia
Vidya Atal	Montclair State University, USA
Vasileios Babalos	University of Piraeus, Greece
Georgios Bampinas	University of Macedonia, Greece
Alessio E. Biondo	Università degli Studi di Catania, Italy
Luisa Blanco	Pepperdine University, USA
Joern Block	Universität Trier, Germany
Alex Bryson	National Institute of Economic and Social Research, UK
Nicolas Cachanosky	Metropolitan State University of Denver, USA
Antonio Cardoso-Marques	Universidade da Beira Interior, Portugal

Alex Coad	Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú, Peru
Elena Cubillas	CUNEF, Spain
Miguel Cuervo Mir	University Rey Juan Carlos, Spain
Sara Curran	University of Washington, USA
Theologos Dergiades	School of Science and Technology, Greece
Paul Downward	Loughborough University London, UK
David Enke	Missouri University of Science and Technology, USA
Piero Esposito	LUISS Guido Carli, Italy
Paula Fernandez	University of Oviedo, Spain
Jesus Ferreiro	UPV, Spain
Orlando Gomes	ISCAL, Portugal
Francisco Guijarro	UPV, Spain
Feng Hao	University of South Florida, USA
Chris Jones	Aston University, UK
Dimitris Kenourgios	National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece
Man-Keun Kim	Utah State University, USA
Evzen Kocenda	Charles University, Czech Republic
Anders Bredahl Kock	Aarhus University, Denmark
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Matthias Kranke	University of Warwick, UK
Ming D. Leung	Berkeley-Haas, USA
Manuel Llorca	Durham University, UK
Georgios Magkonis	University of Portsmouth, UK
Adolfo Maza	University of Cantabria, Spain
Jose Manuel Montes-Peon	University of Oviedo, Spain
Xuan Nguyen	University of New South Wales, Australia
Reza Oladi	Utah State University, USA
Anna Paterno	Università degli Studi di Bari Aldo Moro, Italy
Sergey V. Popov	Queen's University Belfast, UK
Paulo J. Regis	Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University, China
Vicente Royuela	Universitat de Barcelona, Spain
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Francisco J. Santos-Cumplido	University of Seville, Spain
Vasilios Sogiakas	University of Glasgow, UK
Emmanouil Trachanas	Oxford Brookes University, UK
Sotiris Vadoros	King's College London, UK
Juan Ventura	University of Oviedo, Spain
Sergio Vicente	UC3M, Spain
Alan Wall	University of Oviedo, Spain
Eng Yoke Kee	Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman, Malaysia

Table 5. List of referees 2017.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Affiliation</i>
Alexis Anagnostopoulos	Stony Brook University, USA
Mercedes Ayuso	Universitat de Barcelona, Spain
Scott Baker	Northwestern University, USA
Margarita Billon	UAM, Spain
Philippe Bracke	London School of Economics, UK
Paul J. Burke	Australian National University, Australia
Alvaro Choi	Universitat de Barcelona, Spain

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Mardi Dungey	University of Tasmania, Australia
Gonzalo Fernandez de Cordoba	University of Malaga, Spain
Masood Gheasi	VU Amsterdam, Netherlands
Stephan Gohmann	University of Louisville, USA
Thomas L. Hogan	Troy University, USA
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Salih Katircioglu	Eastern Mediterranean University, Cyprus
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Jae H. Kim	La Trobe University, Australia
Ignacio Lago-Peñas	Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Spain
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Nuno Carlos Leitao	ESGT, Portugal
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## 5. Active Call for Papers

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  - Paper submission deadline: June 30, 2018
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  - Paper submission deadline: September 30, 2018

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