

Editorial Note

Economics and Business Letters (EBL) came into being at the turn of 2011 with the aim of providing a modern outlet for high quality research in the fields of Economics and Business. The main distinctive feature of *EBL* was the opportunity of high speed publication with a global reach. Our strategy for achieving these goals relied on using a free-of-charge open source platform and on reducing revision cycles as much as possible while assuring an appropriate selection of quality contributions. Today we are proud to present the first issue of the second volume of the journal, which means that our editorial venture has survived its first year. As shown in the 2012 Activity Report, we received a large number of originals (82), which is indicative of the acceptance in the academic community of the journal during its first year of life. The rejection rate was relatively high (67%). This may have been due in part to our editorial policy of excluding major revision as an option in the review process. This policy, in turn, facilitated what we consider an impressively low average time of just 40 days to the initial editorial decision, which substantially contributed to speedy publication cycles. Three regular issues plus a special issue were published in 2012, comprising a total of 22 original papers.

Activity report 2012

	Manuscripts	%
Received	82	100.0
Rejected	55	67.1
Accepted	23	28.1
Under review	4	4.8
Average time to initial decision	40 days	

During this first year, the editorial team has made considerable efforts to get the journal indexed/abstracted in relevant bibliographic databases in order to foster the visibility of the journal and improve its appeal to prospective authors. *Economics and Business Letters* is currently indexed/abstracted by *Academic Journals Database*, *Base-search*,

Dialnet, DOAJ, Dulcinea, ECONIS, Google Scholar, IDEAS-RePEc, ISOC, JournalTOCs, Latindex, LibTOC, MIAR, SHERPA/RoMEO, Ulrich's Periodical Directory and Worldcat. Efforts are being made to enter new databases, with the *Social Science Citation Index* and *Scopus* as targets.

We would like to take the opportunity to explicitly acknowledge the hard work of Authors, Referees and Associate Editors which has made all this possible. We are especially grateful to all the experts who have donated their time to work as Referees and who, in the overwhelming majority of cases, have completed their reviews in due time. The complete list of 2012 Referees is included at the end of this note. We would also like to express our particular gratitude to Aharon Tziner who organized the December Special Issue on “Economic Utility of Employee-Linked Activities and Behaviors”.

Currently there is a call for papers for a new Special Issue that will be published in December 2013 under the title “Revisiting Convergence”, with Julie Le Gallo (Université de Franche-Comté) as Guest Editor. *EBL* welcomes proposals for new Special Issues for future volumes.

Before finishing this editorial note, we would like to take the opportunity to reiterate the main features which differentiate *Economics and Business Letters* from traditional academic journals:

- Open access (global reach with 3,300 downloads until February 2013)
- No publishing fees (*EBL* is not for profit)
- Word limit 2,500 (keep it short)
- Accept, Reject or Minor Revision policy (Major Revision excluded)
- Rapid evaluation and publication (40 days average time to initial decision)

We believe these distinctive features of *EBL* provide considerable value added to authors and readers. We encourage prospective authors with high quality research to consider *Economics and Business Letters* as an outlet for their original work.

Francisco J. Delgado • Eduardo González

Editors-in-Chief

List of referees 2012

Last name	First name	Affiliation
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Cárcaba	Ana	University of Oviedo, Spain
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Fein	Erich	University of South Australia, Australia
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Gomes	Jorge	Technical University of Lisbon, Portugal
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