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Dear Reader,

This issue of *Periodica Oeconomica* contains papers presented at the “Competitive Edges, Sustainability theory and Practice” conference held October 12, 2009, at Eszterházy Károly College, Eger, Hungary. While the papers consider diverse topics, they all share common threads: economic activity and resource allocation. This is consistent with the conference title, of course, and also consistent with the mid-recession economic concerns prevalent in fall 2009.

The scope of the articles is broad, ranging from international comparisons to regional analyses, both overall and for specific industrial sectors. There are papers that address issues from a macroeconomic view and others that consider narrow microeconomic issues at the level of the firm.

Readers will find papers that address specific decision models within the firm regarding employment matters and at the level of households. In addition, this issue contains papers that consider financial regulatory change in financial markets. Finally we have papers that address the impact of regulations on the private enterprises as well as one directed toward the challenge of using accounting data to predict innovative efforts.

These scholarly works reflect the journal’s consistent focus on economic activity and resource allocation along with the diverse areas to which that focus can be directed. You are encouraged to review this issue of *Periodica Oeconomica* and share in the rich research of our authors.

Respectfully,

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