Dear EBES Members,

I would like to welcome you and thank you all again for your interest and support for EBES (Eurasian Business and Economics Society). I am pleased to share with you that in recent years the organization has grown multi-fold with respect to membership and importantly with respect to the quality of its programs and publications. I also congratulate and thank you for your cooperation in getting both EBES journals to be selected for future publications by the reputable publishing house, Springer.

It is time for us to take more active professional interest in enhancing the reputation of these two journals. If you are not currently subscribing to these journals, please do; if not, please ask our office for help with specific articles, we would be happy to be of help. Our goal is to have the journals indexed in SSCI. That needs significant recognition and respect of the current and recent past published articles in EBES journals by researchers at large. Please share our journal articles with your colleagues, co-authors, and others; take sincere interest - maintaining proper professional standard and highest ethical integrity - to see whether our journal articles are relevant to your own research; submit your good papers for consideration for your EBES journals and conferences.

I welcome your input and help in building EBES in the future. Once again, thank you.

Best Regards

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13th EBES Istanbul Conference

13th EBES Conference Istanbul will be hosted by the *Istanbul Bilgi University* on June 5-7, 2014 in Istanbul, Turkey.

**Keynote Speakers for the 13th EBES Conference Istanbul**

We are pleased to announce that distinguished researchers *Cheng Hsiao, John Rust*, and *Peter Rangazas* will join the conference as invited speakers.

*Cheng Hsiao* is a professor of economics at *University of Southern California*, USA and prominent econometrician specialized in panel data econometrics. He is the author of the well-known textbook *Analysis of Panel Data* which has been accepted as one of the best in its field and used in most of the top PhD programs.

*John Rust* is professor of economics at the *Georgetown University*. He has published many papers in the most of the top economic journals including *American Economic Review, Journal of Political Economy*, and *Review of Economic Studies*. He has also served as the associate editor at top journals such as *Econometrica* and *Journal of Econometrics*, and as the Co-Editor at *Journal of Applied Econometrics*.

*Peter Rangazas* is a professor of economics at *Indiana University-Purdue University*, USA. His research areas are economic growth and development. His articles have been published in top journals such as *American Economic Review, Review of Economics and Statistics, Journal of Monetary Economics, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Macroeconomics*, and *Journal of Economic Growth*.

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