Dear EBES Members,

On behalf of EBES, we would like to wish you a happy new year filled with prosperity, contentment and successful research. Our group is getting bigger and bigger each day! Thank you for your interest and support in our organization. EBES now has over 1630 members from 84 different countries. Since our first conference, around 7465 colleagues from 91 different countries have joined our conferences and 4283 academic papers have been presented.

21st EBES Conference - Budapest

21st EBES Conference - Budapest will take place on January 12th, 13th, and 14th, 2017 at the Department of Finance, Budapest University of Technology and Economics (BME) in Budapest, Hungary. In the conference, 185 papers by 343 colleagues from 46 countries will be presented.

EBES Journals

Latest issues of Eurasian Business Review 6(3) and Eurasian Economic Review 6(3) have been published. Please visit the webpages of journals for more details.

International Collaborations

EBES has recently signed international collaboration agreements with University of Economics HCMC, Vietnam & French Vietnamese Center of Management (CFVG), Vietnam & KIMEP University, Kazakhstan.

EBES Proceedings

16th EBES Conference Istanbul Proceedings has been published and can be reached at https://www.ebesweb.org/Proceedings.aspx. Since our 13th Conference, EBES conference proceedings have been published by Springer under its series Eurasian Studies in Business and Economics. Each proceeding is sent to Thomson Reuters in order to be reviewed for coverage in its Conference Proceedings Citation Index. Please note that the 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th and 15th EBES Conference Proceedings have been accepted for inclusion in the Conference Proceedings Citation Index. 14th, 16th, and subsequent EBES Conference Proceedings are in progress.
22nd EBES Conference - Rome
May 24-26, 2017
Rome, Italy

Jointly organized with the Faculty of Economics Sapienza University of Rome

22nd EBES Conference - Rome will take place on May 24th, 25th, and 26th, 2017 at the Faculty of Economics of Sapienza University of Rome in Rome, Italy with the support of the Istanbul Economic Research Association. Abstract submission for the 22nd EBES Conference - Rome is now open. For online submission, please visit [http://www.ebesweb.org/Conferences/22nd-EBES-Conference-Rome/Abstract-Submission.aspx](http://www.ebesweb.org/Conferences/22nd-EBES-Conference-Rome/Abstract-Submission.aspx) and the deadline for submission is February 28, 2017. The decision regarding the acceptance/rejection of each abstract/paper will be communicated with the corresponding author within a week of submission.

**Keynote Speakers**

We are pleased to announce that distinguished colleagues Jonathan Batten, Giuseppe Ciccarone, Giovanni Dosi, and Marco Vivarelli will join the conference as keynote speakers:

**Jonathan Batten** is professor of finance in the Department of Banking and Finance at Monash University, Australia. He is a well-known academician who has published articles in many of the leading economics and finance journals and currently serves as the Editor of *Emerging Markets Review, Journal of International Financial Markets, Institutions & Money*, and *Finance Research Letters*. He is currently the President of EBES.

**Giuseppe Ciccarone** is the Dean of the Faculty of Economics, Sapienza University of Rome and President of Fondazione Giacomo Brodolini. Over the last twenty years, he has published papers on broad range of topics such as labor economics, theory of economic policy, theory of public utility and monetary economy. Currently, his research activity focuses on both theoretical and applied economics in the field of labor markets and active labor market policies, on the design and evaluation of economic policies, and on the economic implications of poverty and inequality.

**Giovanni Dosi** has published many articles in the field of the economics of innovation and technological change, industrial organization and industrial dynamics, theory of the firm and corporate governance, evolutionary theory, and economic growth and development. He is currently professor of economics and the Director of the Institute of Economics at the Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna in Pisa; Co-Director of the task forces “Industrial Policy” and “Intellectual Property Rights”, IPD - Initiative for Policy Dialogue at Columbia University and Continental European Editor of *Industrial and Corporate Change*.

**Marco Vivarelli** is a well-known academician who has published articles in many of the leading economics journals and is currently professor of economics at the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore in Milano, Italy, where he is also the Director of the Institute of Economic Policy.

**Klaus F. Zimmermann** is a visiting professor at Princeton University; Full Professor of Economics at Bonn University (on leave); Co-Director of POP at UNU-MERIT; Honorary Professor at Free University of Berlin and Renmin University of China, Beijing. Previously, he has held several positions in top research institutions such as Harvard University (USA), Dartmouth College (USA), University of Pennsylvania (USA), Tilburg University (Netherlands) etc. Professor Zimmermann is currently the Editor-in-chief of the Journal of Population Economics. RePEc currently ranks Prof. Zimmermann as one of top 100 economists on its world list of more than 48K economists.