

THE DOCTORAL SYMPOSIUM - ORADEA 2016: AN OVERVIEW

Scientific research in economics plays, now more than ever, an important role in investigating issues and generating solutions and models of economic and social development. Moreover, in the contemporary world, development is inconceivable in the absence of sustained research and development activities. Undoubtedly, scientific research must be conducted primarily in higher education institutions, in academic and research laboratories.

In this context, the scientific research of young people - students, master students and, in particular PhD students - acquires special meanings and its fostering a duty of honour to academics and supervisors at all levels. Recognizing and understanding all these realities, in the Faculty of Economic Studies and Doctoral School of Economic Sciences at the University of Oradea, there have been encouraged and supported the efforts and steps on the path of doctoral scientific research. Thus, since 2010 there is organized an Annual Doctoral Symposium of PhD students in Economics and related fields, and papers carefully selected after the peer-review process were published in a volume that encompassed the scientific contributions.

On 23rd of November, our Doctoral School organised the 7th edition of the Doctoral Symposium. A number of 52 papers were registered for the Conference, and they were presented on 5 panels, dealing with topics related to Microeconomics and Economics of the firm, Entrepreneurship and SMEs, Tourism and services, Macroeconomics etc. All submitted contributions were double-blind reviewed and 46 of them were accepted for publication in the proceeding book, namely the 4th issue of the journal *Emerging Markets Economics and Business. Contributions of Young Researchers. Proceedings of the 7th Conference of Doctoral Students in Economic Sciences.*

Let me congratulate all participants, and especially those authors whose contributions were published. Moreover, few selected authors were invited to submit extended versions of their contributions for considering in *Oradea Journal of Business and Economics*. They are published in this issue, on the *Papers selected from the Doctoral Symposium 2016* section. We have the strong belief that young researchers are, by training and audacity, a tank of opinions, viewpoints, and especially solutions and proposals, and aware that they should be encouraged and promoted as to enable them to confirm the hopes of their teachers and supervisors.

Last but not least, let me address special thanks to the members of the Scientific Board, to reviewers, to the members of the Organizing Committee, and to all generous fellows who supported the Annual Doctoral Symposium held on 23rd of November 2016 at the University of Oradea.

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