Editors' note

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1 PEJ update

The Portuguese Economic Journal (PEJ) will be twenty in March and we will commemorate the date with a special issue later in the year. We hope that the next twenty years will be even more exciting for our readers, authors, and editorial board members.

From December 2020 to November 2021, we received 305 new manuscripts, compared with 162 in the preceding twelve months (the first Covid-19 year) and 210 two years ago, the previous all-time record. In addition, the average time from submission to first decision decreased from 45 to 32 days and the rejection rate increased to 93%. The two-year impact factor has increased for the fifth consecutive year and is now 0.722 for the Journal Citation Reports 2020, released in June 2021. There are now enough articles published online first to cover the entire 2022 and also the first issue of 2023.

The editorial board has also had some planned changes. First, we welcome Sandra Maximiano, Joana Pais, Sandra Sequeira, and Joana Silva our new Associate Editors. Second, Daniel Dias is leaving the executive board (ExB) and joining the group of Associate Editors. We thank Daniel for his fantastic work as a co-editor during these four years. Third, Ana Fernandes has joined the ExB and we wish her all the best in her new position. Finally, Samuel Beattie will be replaced by a new publishing editor.

The 14th Annual Meeting of PEJ was the first to be postponed and the first to be held in a hybrid format: both in-person and online. We are deeply grateful to Ricardo Gonçalves (chair), Mariana Alves Cunha, and Francisca Oliveira for organising such an

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excellent conference at Católica-Porto Business School. We are also indebted to Joana Silva and the scientific committee's remaining members, who assessed manuscript submissions both in 2020 and in 2021. Ana Rute Cardoso and Beata Javorcik were the keynote speakers, and we also thank them for their patience. The 2nd ConsultAccount award for the best paper presented by a PhD student was won by Elizaveta Sizova. We are grateful to ConsultAccount and Pedro Brinca for this initiative.

The 15th Annual Meeting of PEJ will go back to Angra do Heroísmo and will take place at its Cultural Centre. The conference will be hosted by the Faculty for Agricultural and Environmental Sciences of the University of Azores and will be organised by ACDA, from 8 to 10 July 2022. The local organising committee is composed of Tomás Dentinho (chair) and Elisabete Martins. Mónica Costa Dias will lead the scientific committee and Isabel Horta Correia will be one of the keynote speakers. As usual, the submission deadline is 15 March and the 3rd ConsultAccount award will be up for grabs amongst PhD students.

2 Special topic: promoting your PEJ article

From 2005, when PEJ was indexed in the Web of Science, to 2020, the latest available Journal Citation Report, the number of Economics journals in this bibliographic database more than doubled, the number of articles almost quadrupled, and the number of citations multiplied ninefold. Thus, how can authors publishing articles in PEJ make their work stand out for both the scientific community and the general public?

In fact, despite the increased competition for attention, both authors and journals have now access to powerful tools to promote their work. Using social media enlarges the potential audience and accelerates the speed of dissemination to levels that were unimaginable back in 2005.

Here are three simple suggestions that may help PEJ authors promote their articles:

- From January 2022 onwards, we will accept short (i.e. two-minute) videos produced by authors with their papers' main takeaways to disseminate via our YouTube channel (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCtDGR_Ce5IDCIa2OHMPeL1w).
- We use Twitter (<https://twitter.com/PortEconJ?lang=en>) and LinkedIn (<https://www.linkedin.com/company/porteconj>) to publicise recently accepted papers or new issues of the journal. Authors are welcome to follow us and share them on their social networks.
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