Editorial to the Relaunch Issue of the Journal of Business Cycle Research

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It is a great pleasure to present the journal of CIRET (Centre for International Research on Economic Tendencies) under its new label: *Journal of Business Cycle Research*. Over time the publication outlet of our society has evolved from conference volumes, through a joint CIRET-OECD journal (published under the label *Journal of Business Cycle Measurement and Analysis*) to a journal published by Springer International Publishing AG. These outlets have in common that they focus on publishing papers on business cycle research. Despite the obvious public interest in this and related topics, there are still hardly any field journals that cover the necessary research aspects associated to this. We at CIRET are convinced that the *Journal of Business Cycle Research* is closing this gap.

By moving the journal to one of the leading academic publishers in the world, we allow ourselves to reposition it towards a more academically oriented audience and thereby follow the changing demand within our field. We are well aware of the increased pressure on our authors to publish in internationally renowned outlets that are listed in the appropriate rankings. Together with the support of Springer we have now clearly entered this competitive field as well. After 12 years of fruitful cooperation with the OECD, Springer will from this issue onwards take care of all publishing aspects, while CIRET remains in charge of the editorial development and editorial content of the journal.

I would like to use this opportunity to thank the OECD for all their support to the journal in previous years and look forward to a continuing fruitful cooperation on topics related to e.g. business tendency and consumer surveys. Without the increased support from both KOF Swiss Economic Institute at the ETH Zurich and the FGV Foundation in Brazil to CIRET, it would not have been possible for CIRET to re-launch our journal in a way that guarantees an increased visibility and potential

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to further grow in quality. I would also like to thank these institutions for that. To warrant continuity, Prof. Dr. Michael Graff will continue his job as Editor-in-Chief and I would like thank him for all the effort and energy he has and will put into our journal. Finally, I am thankful to the members of the editorial board for also continuing their support to the journal.

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