

Editorial

With the first issue of *Schmollers Jahrbuch* in 2008 (Volume 128), a major restructuring goes into effect. Richard Hauser and Dietmar Petzina, who have both played a major role as editors since the relaunch of the journal in 2000, have retired. As professors emeritus, they of course have the right to do so. We would like to thank them sincerely for all their help and extend our best wishes to both of them for the future.

We are delighted – and very grateful – that new editors have stepped up to join *Schmollers Jahrbuch*. Through the contribution of their personal expertise, they will sharpen the journal's profile. Their involvement will also significantly expand the expertise of the editors, making it no longer necessary to have an editorial board. *Schmollers Jahrbuch* has benefitted greatly from the advice of the board and gratefully acknowledges their support.

Among the new editors, Stefan Bach (DIW Berlin) will be responsible for public finance. He stands for applied economics with a special emphasis on German issues, a field in which we receive many successful submissions.

Ulrich Kaiser (University of Southern Denmark) will take responsibility for submissions in industrial organisation. Submissions in this area have been increasing steadily in recent years. Ulrich Kaiser will also strengthen the international component within the group of editors.

This international perspective will be enhanced further by Holly Sutherland (Essex University). We hope that she will attract more submissions in the field of micro-simulation and distributional issues.

Our aim is not only to increase the quality of the referee process but also – with the help of our new editors – to accelerate this process even more.

The changes in the group of editors provide a good occasion to underscore our language policy: German is welcome if a paper deals with German issues. However, papers that are more theoretical or more general in their approach should be written in English.

In closing, we would like to express our thanks to the German Council for Social and Economic Data (*Rat für Sozial- und Wirtschaftsdaten*) for supporting our editorial office and homepage. This support is provided because of the great success of the „European Data Watch“ section, making *Schmollers Jahrbuch* an important platform for the aims and tasks of the council.

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