

Editorial Statement

With the next volume of *Schmollers Jahrbuch*, important changes in the editorial board and editorial policy will go into effect. Joachim Wagner will join Gert G. Wagner as Co-Editor-in-Chief. Joachim will oversee manuscripts based on econometric work, and will continue to hold responsibility for the section “European Data Watch”.

Furthermore, once every two years, *Schmollers Jahrbuch* will publish papers from a symposium on data issues. In the years between these special issues, we will publish the proceedings of the International User Meeting of the German Socio-Economic Panel (as in Issue 1, 2003, and Issue 1, 2005).

In the last five years, the majority of manuscripts have been reviewed by three referees, a measure instituted above all to build the *Jahrbuch's* standing. We hope that two referees will accomplish the same job in less time and thus expedite the handling of manuscripts.

Because replicability is essential to make empirical findings credible and a useful basis for further research, we will attempt in the future to encourage and facilitate replication. Before accepting papers that include original empirical results, we will require authors to provide data and sufficient code to permit replication. The material must be provided on a CD-ROM, which will then be stored at the *Schmollers Jahrbuch* editorial office. If the data are proprietary and available only through a public archive or data centre that prohibits further distribution, authors must provide detailed information about the data version used and how other researchers can obtain this data, along with the code used to produce the results. The editors should be notified at the time of submission if the data used are proprietary, or if the above requirements cannot be met for some other reason. Authors of accepted papers should include information in the paper letting the reader know how the data and code can be accessed most easily. Readers who have been unable to obtain such information from the authors or replicate research published in *Schmollers Jahrbuch* are encouraged to contact the editors.

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