

Editorial Note

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In this new year of 2010 the research centre IET started a novel organisational development. The activities of the PhD programme on Technology Assessment began by the end of 2009 and in 2010 most of events of the research centre were related with this doctorate programme. Also the Post-Graduation course on Occupational Health and Safety was reorganised into a new MSc programme. In both cases that happened with the support of IET.

In spite the fact that we got no support from the Portuguese Ministry of Science and Technology, the research centre knew one of most proficient years: more conferences and seminars took place, and the journal and the working papers series continued to be edited. In fact, most of the scientific activities had the support of voluntary work of the IET researchers, and the financial support was driven by new projects.

This issue of Enterprise and Work Innovation Studies also shows the possible trend of publication in the next years. It contains articles from PhD students, and sent and evaluated by peered-review method. The members of the Editorial Board also collaborate intensively in this process.

In this edition, the first article is about the foresight activity at the industry level. More concretely, is about the designing foresight methods for Lithuanian energy sector. It was written by a Lithuanian researcher, Agnė Paliokaitė (Public Policy and Management Institute, Vilnius), that spent a semester at the doctorate programme of technology assessment at FCT-UNL. There she aimed to analyse the production of a long term strategy for the energy sector. The author wanted also to know how foresight methods are selected at industry level. From her point of view is needed a better understanding of the fundamental attributes of foresight methods and their linkages to the main phases of a foresight process. This can provide useful insights as to how the selection of methods is carried out.

The next article is authored by Satu Uusiautti, independent Finnish researcher, and Kaarina Määttä from the University of Lapland (Faculty of Education) at Rovaniemi (Finland). The authors aimed to study the phenomenon of success at work, and tried to identify of which elements success is constructed and what factors define the process of

becoming a “top worker”. They have used the Finnish “Employees of the Year” contest as a source for their study. The purpose of the article was to focus on positive work experiences, such as experiencing joy from work and work engagement. Uusiautti and Määttä propose that it can contribute to the discussion regarding the positive sides of work life today. From their point of view, positive psychology provides this interpretation of success at work.

As usual in this journal, the last pages of this IET journal issue are dedicated to academic activities of IET members during this last year. It contains also information on integration activity in academic juries, and two conference reports authored by António Brandão Moniz.

One is about the first Winter School of the Doctorate Programme on Technology Assessment held at Universidade Nova de Lisboa (FCT-UNL), and the other one on the Seminar on “Technology Governance: Options and limitations of social shaping” held by Stefan Kuhlmann (University of Twente) at the same doctorate programme.

Finally, a note on the fact that the IET journal integrates now the Directory of Open Access Journals data base. Is an important achievement while the aim of this directory is to increase the visibility and ease of use of open access scientific and scholarly journals thereby promoting their increased usage and impact. As mentioned in their webpage, “the Directory aims to be comprehensive and cover all open access scientific and scholarly journals that use a quality control system to guarantee the content. In short a one stop shop for users to Open Access Journals”¹. To integrate the DOAJ data base, the journals must exercise peer-review or editorial quality control to be included.

That is one of the main aims of the journal editorial team: to integrate a variety of well-established and recognized open source data bases to provide the authors a wider public. That also means the need to maintain the high level of quality control of the research material published in the IET journal.

¹ See <http://www.doaj.org/doaj?func=loadTempl&templ=about&uiLanguage=en> (December 2010)