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ABSTRACT

Despite the prestigious contributions of Ukrainian economists in the past, most particularly with Mikhaïl Tuhon-Baranovsky and even more so with Eugen Slutsky, there is no single indication of the scientific production of contemporary economists either in Ukraine or in the Diaspora. This study attempts to fill that gap by using the 1969-3/1995 EconLit data-base to establish the visibility of all identified economists with Ukrainian descendance active in academic, governmental or private areas. The members of the Editorial Board and the Advisory Board of the *Ukrainian Economic Review* were also examined in order to provide reference to a benchmark group. The method of analysis applied the usual norms of measurement, taking into account the co-authorship factor, to adjust for effective productivity in refereed journals.

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I. Introduction.

Recent trends in American journals indicate a keen interest for evaluating the contributions of active researchers by measuring their output in number of articles, and sometimes even of adjusted pages, or their impact on the community by referring to the citation count <Bairam, (1994); Laband and Piette (1994); Liebowitz and Palmer (1984)>. Furthermore, some interest has been expressed to cover Europeans and to compare them with their American counterparts. In that respect, it would seem useful, for the body of Ukrainian economists, to position itself on the international scene in terms of visibility of its scientific production, by using a recognized standard bibliographic data-base, an official instrument of the American Economic Association, the March 1995 version of EconLit, to determine the various contributions of different groups enhancing the image of Ukrainian economists. They have already demonstrated in the past, with the important and recognized works from Mikhaïl Tuhan-Baranovsky and even more so with those from Eugen Slutsky, their capacity to bring fundamental contributions to economic theory. The purpose of this study will be to identify the contemporary active participants in the scientific production, both in Ukraine and in the Diaspora, and to measure their contribution using the same rigorous standards as the one adopted for evaluating top US departments showing, in the same way, "the rules of the game" in the process of establishing a publication strategy.

II. Sources, references and method of analysis.

The EconLit data-base regroups, mainly from the information published in the *Journal of Economic Literature*, a whole range of scientific articles, books, collective works, discussion papers, book reviews and new book annotations, each type of document being conformed with the criteria validated by a selection committee of the American Economic Association.

Analysis was conducted using a March 1995 CD-ROM version of the full data-base, starting with 1969 for most journal articles. Searches allowed to determine, using keywords based on the name of the author, but allowing for variants on the spelling in the presentation of the full name, the number of entries in the data-base. A detailed examination of each record enabled to obtain an "adjusted" tally of the effective contributions in double-blind refereed journals, taking into account the eventual participation of other collaborators.

A limited number of sources were available to investigate the visibility of researchers present in the EconLit data-base. Basically, the reference materials included the following:

- *Mizhnarodni Ekonomichni Vidnosyny*. Kiev: Lybid, 1992.
- *Osnovy Ekonomichnoi Teorii*. Ternopil: Tarneks, 1993.
- Members of the Board of Editors of *Ekonomika Ukraïna*, Kiev, 1992.
- *Istoriia Ekonomichnoi Dumky Ukraïny*. Kiev: Lybid, 1993.
- Speakers at the First Congress of the International Ukrainian Economic Association, Kiev, 1992.

Several books and collective works were screened carefully, but with little success in finding new names associated with EconLit. While the list could not pretend to be fully exhaustive, tedious efforts were made to explore alternative ways to deal with peculiar patronymics and to detect incorrect spellings, as well as to test names of known economists active in academic life or in politics¹. Given the previous remarks, it would be fair to consider this list as giving a pertinent, broadly complete representation of post-1968 active economists from Ukraine, characterized by the visibility of their academic production to the international scientific community with the presence of some of their contributions in EconLit.

It would be certainly more difficult to identify, in the Diaspora, all the economists and other researchers from related disciplines, claiming or recognizing to have a Ukrainian desendency, having published on economic topics, and who would be present in EconLit. In fact, it was quite convenient to rely on the recent publication *Istoriia Ekonomichnoi Dumky Ukraïny* to verify the various contributions of Ukrainian foreign-based economists. While several other names were also tested with EconLit, none of them could be added to the "visible" list².

III. Production of economists from Ukraine.

The list of "primary visibility" (see Table 1) indicates a total of 15 names included in EconLit as of March 1995. Active participants at the First International Ukrainian Economic Congress (7 out of 87 Ukrainian speakers) and/or members of the Editorial Board of the scientific journal *Ekonomika Ukraïna* (4 out of 24 based on the February 1992 issue) constitute the majority of this list (10). Further investigations, mainly from collective works, have eventually provided few additions to the list (3 out of 35 names from the

¹ All possible names of renowned economists were tested on the CD-ROM, including academics previously or presently active in the Government of Ukraine or in political or scientific organizations in the Diaspora.

² While very few of them were identified with contributions to collective works, none of these had other entries in double-blind refereed journals recognized by EconLit, enabling them to be associated with the subsequent analysis of scientific production in economics. They include names like Boris Balan, Lev Dobriansky, Lubomyr Hajda, John-Paul Himka, Bohdan Krawchenko, Andrew Melnyk, Leon Smolinski, Roman Szporluk, Stephen Velychenko, but knowing that number of them are not claiming to be economists per se.

monograph *Osnovy Ekonomichnoi Teori* and 1 out of 14 for *Mizhnarodni Ekonomichni Vidnosyny*), the remaining 3 coming from associated multiple authorship with already identified researchers.

Three individuals have multiple entries, with the Editor-in-Chief of *Ekonomika Ukraïna* and Academician coming first in the list. In fact, he was the only economist from Ukraine present in EconLit out of a total of 25 Ukrainians still living in Ukraine mentioned in *Istoriia Ekonomichnoi Dumky Ukraïny*.

Table 1. Economists from Ukraine ranked by number of entries.

Entries	Full name	Source of identification*
4	Lukinov I.	EU; HETU; IUEC
3	Butenko A.	BK1
2	Popov M.	IUEC
1	Chumachenko N.	IUEC
1	Dorohuntsov S.	EU
1	Dukhovna L.	BK2; IUEC
1	Dzis' H.	EU
1	Khomra A.	IUEC
1	Lysenkov Iu.	other
1	Onyshchenko V.	IUEC
1	Polyakov M.	other
1	Rumiantsev A.	BK2
1	Rymaruk A.	other
1	Shepotko L.	IUEC
1	Ustenko O.	BK2

Source: American Economic Association's "EconLit 1969-3/1995" data-base.

* Abbreviations:

- BK1 *Mizhnarodni Ekonomichni Vidnosyny*. Kiev: Lybid, 1992.
- BK2 *Osnovy Ekonomichnoi Teorii*. Ternopil: Tarneks, 1993.
- EU Member of the Board of Editors of *Ekonomika Ukraïna*, Kiev, 1992.
- HETU *Istoriia Ekonomichnoi Dumky Ukraïny*. Kiev: Lybid, 1993.
- IUEC Speakers at the "First International Ukrainian Economic Congress", Kiev, 1992.

This list of active researchers has been reevaluated in terms of contributions limited to scientific journals practicing double-blind selection procedure, these figures being adjusted for possible multiple authorship (see Table 2). Information on refereed journals provides a more selective image of researchers in line with international (one could say mainly Anglo-Saxon) standards of scientific achievement. The new list refers to only 3 journals, *Problems of Economics*³ appearing 10 out of 17 times or, in terms of authors, identifying 9 out of the 14 listed authors. To be more specific, all the other 7 entries refer to only 2 specific issues of foreign journals: one joint article in a single 1991 issue of *the European Review of Agricultural Economics* (Vol. 18, N°3-4) for 2 authors, in addition to the 2 single and 3 joint articles (the fourth part

³ This journal has been renamed *Problems of Economic Transition* in 1992, but there was no other occurrence of Ukrainian economic contributions since then.

going to an American) in the same 1993 issue of the *International Regional Science Review* (Vol.15, N°3)⁴ for the remaining 5 others.

Table 2. Contributors from Ukraine to scientific journals ranked by adjusted* number of articles.

Articles	Adjusted	Full name	Authors	Journal reference
3	2,5	Lukinov I.	1	69-Problems of Economics
			1	72-Problems of Economics
			2	91-European Review of Agricultural Economics
2	2	Butenko A.	1	87-Problems of Economics
			1	88-Problems of Economics
2	1,5	Popov M.	2	93-International Regional Science Review
			1	93-International Regional Science Review
1	1	Chumachenko N.	1	93-International Regional Science Review
1	1	Dukhovna L.	1	91-Problems of Economics
1	1	Khomra A.	1	82-Problems of Economics
1	1	Rumiantsev A.	1	71-Problems of Economics
1	1	Shepotko L.	1	80-Problems of Economics
1	0,5	Dorohuntsov S.	2	93-International Regional Science Review
1	0,5	Onyshchenko V.	2	93-International Regional Science Review
1	0,5	Poliakov M.	2	91-European Review of Agricultural Economics
1	0,3	Dzis' H.	3	87-Problems of Economics
1	0,3	Lysenkov Iu.	3	87-Problems of Economics
1	0,3	Rymaruk A.	3	87-Problems of Economics

Source: American Economic Association's "EconLit 1969-3/1995" data-base.

* Adjusted articles (see column "Adjusted") of contributions to scientific journals are computed according to practices applied in existing studies:

- removal of any publication not selected by a double-blind refereed procedure (working paper, book, collective work, proceedings, book review....)
- discounting for multiple authorship (see column "Authors").

IV. Production of Ukrainian economists from the Diaspora.

Using the monograph *Istoriia Ekonomichnoï Dumky Ukraïny* as a reference source (see Table 3)⁵, it appears that 13 out of the 22 cited names of living researchers were present in the EconLit data-base. The large number of entries for the top of the list⁶ was due to the following types of contributions included in EconLit:

- new book annotations: 79 out of 83 entries (Mirucki)
- book editing and articles in collective works: 25 out of 29 entries (Koropecykj)
- 14 out of 14 entries (Potichnyj)

⁴ Strictly speaking, the published papers do not really satisfy the requirements of the double-blind referee rule, as they represent the participation to the "Symposium on Regional Aspects of Economic Restructuring in the Former Soviet Union".

⁵ Nearly half of these researchers are not economists by training (and do not claim to be so), having simply publish on a topic near that area and included in EconLit. Their background may be in history, political science, demography, geography or in another related discipline.

⁶ Together with Potichnyj (14 entries), both Stebelsky (2) and Hryniuk (1) were excluded from the adjusted list, given the absence of other contributions to refereed journals included in EconLit.

- articles in collective works:

5 out of 8 entries (Kushnirskyj)

While North America dominates over Europe with 11 names out of 13 visible names in the data-base, the lead is taken by France with half of the total count (83 out of 166) in terms of entries. Overall, USA (6) and Canada (5) represent almost equally the overwhelming largest share of visible Ukrainian economists from the Diaspora appearing in EconLit.

Table 3. Economists* from Diaspora ranked by number of entries.

Entries	Full name	Institution or other identification
83	Mirucki J.	University of Valenciennes, France
29	Koropeckyj I.	Temple University, USA
14	Potichnyj P.	McMaster University, Canada
8	Kushnirskyj F.	Temple University, USA
7	Bandera V.	Temple University, USA
7	Bej O.	Shippensburg, USA
5	Romaniuk A.	Statistics Canada, Canada
4	Melnyk Z.	Cincinnati University, USA
2	Havrylyshyn B.	IMI-Geneva, Switzerland
2	Kalymon B.	University of Toronto, Canada
2	Stebelsky I.	Windsor University, Canada
1	Hryniuk S.	University of Manitoba, Canada
1	Kowal L.	University of Michigan, USA
0	Bilynsky A.	Germany
0	Chuchman Iu.	Canada
0	Hordijew I.	Macquarie University, Australia
0	Serbyn R.	University of Quebec, Canada
0	Sokoliuk Z.	Germany
0	Vitanovych I.	USA
0	Voroby P.	Regina University, Canada
0	Voroniak O.	USA
0	Vynar B.	USA

Source: American Economic Association's "EconLit 1969-3/1995" data-base.

* Researchers cited in "Istoriia Ekonomichnoi Dumky Ukrainy. Kiev: Lybid, 1993".

The counting by "adjusted" number of articles (see Table 4) provides a modified ranking due to the drop of non refereed publications and the impact of multiple authorship. A total adjusted count of 33,1 out of 39 identified entries suggests a very sober use of multiple authorship among Ukrainian economists in the Diaspora (6 out of 10 are strictly single authors). Half of the articles are published in Europe (France, Germany, Great Britain, Italy or Switzerland) spread in 11 out a total count of 24 different journals. *Rivista Internazionale di Scienze Economiche e Commerciali* has 8 mentions with 4 associated authors out of 10, all of them from the US. The majority of active researchers (6 out of 10) and 4 out of the 5 ranked on top of the list have some repeated publications in the same journals. The smoothly declining profile of the adjusted count and the variety of reference journals might suggest a rather disturbance-free distribution of the scientific production in the Diaspora. Using known information unspecified in the sources on the age of the

listed researchers, it is worth noting that more than two-third of them are already officially retired from their institution, even though they may pursue privately some scholarly work. Therefore, this ranking of active researchers is likely to be greatly modified in the coming years, due mainly to demographic factors, with a reduction of the number of authors, regardless of the productivity of the remaining economists in the Diaspora.

Table 4. Contributors* from Diaspora ranked by adjusted number of scientific articles.**

Articles	Adjusted	Full name	Journal reference
7	6	Bej O.	<i>Jahrbuch der Wirtschaft Osteuropas</i> <i>Rivista Internazionale di Scienze Economiche e Commerciali</i> (3) <i>International Journal of Transport Economics</i> <i>Atlantic Economic Journal</i>
5	5	Koropecykj I.	<i>History of Political Economy</i> <i>Rivista di Politica Economica</i> <i>Rivista Internazionale di Scienze Economiche e Commerciali</i> <i>Economic Development and Cultural Change</i> <i>Journal of Regional Science</i>
7	4.8	Bandera V.	<i>Journal of Policy Modeling</i> <i>Journal of European Economic History</i> (3) <i>Kyklos</i> <i>Marquette Business Review</i> <i>Soviet Studies</i>
4	4	Mirucki J.	<i>Revue d'Economie Industrielle</i> <i>Atlantic Economic Journal</i> (2) <i>Urban Studies</i>
5	3.8	Romaniuk A.	<i>Demography</i> (2) <i>Population Studies</i> (2) <i>Statistical Journal</i>
3	3	Kushnirskyj F.	<i>Journal of Comparative Economics</i> <i>Comparative Economic Studies</i> <i>Journal of Regional Science</i>
4	2.5	Melnyk Z.	<i>Economic Letters</i> <i>Rivista Internazionale di Scienze Economiche e Commerciali</i> (3)
2	2	Havrylyshyn B.	<i>Mondo Aperto</i> (2)
2	2	Kalymon B.	<i>Journal of Development Economics</i> <i>Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis</i>
1	1	Kowal L.	<i>Rivista Internazionale di Scienze Economiche e Commerciali</i>

Source: American Economic Association's "EconLit 1969-3/1995" data-base.

* Researchers cited in "Istoriya Ekonomichnoï Dumky Ukraïny. Kiev: Lybid, 1993".

** Adjusted articles (see column "Adjusted") of contributions to scientific journals are computed according to practices applied in existing studies:

- removal of any publication not selected by a double-blind refereed procedure (working paper, book, collective work, proceedings, book review....)
- discounting for multiple authorship.

V. Comparing the visibility of Ukrainian scientific production with selected major economists.

In order to provide a more informative perspective for the appreciation of EconLit in the present study, the analysis of the visible contributions has been extended to the members of the Editorial Board and

of the Advisory Board of the *Ukrainian Economic Review*, a recent initiative taken jointly by economists from the Diaspora and from Ukraine to bridge the gap between the two scientific communities and to promote the production of Ukrainian economic research at the level of international standards.

The Editorial Board (see Table 5.a) is a mix of both communities, dominated by Western economists, mainly Americans (4 out of 6). The leading Editors, all 3 of them from Temple University in Philadelphia, represent the core of the group.

Table 5.a

Members of the Editorial Board of the *Ukrainian Economic Review* ranked by number of entries.

Entrie	Adjusted*	Full name	Institution or other identification
29	5	Koropeckyj I.	Temple University, USA
7	4,8	Bandera V.	Temple University, USA
8	3	Kushnirskyj F.	Temple University, USA
4	1,2	Kulchycky K.	United States Naval Academy, USA
0	0	Gordijew I.	Macquarie University, Australia
0	0	Popovkin V.	National Institute for Strategic Studies, Ukraine

Source: American Economic Association's "EconLit 1969-3/1995" data-base.

* Adjusted articles (see column "Adjusted") of contributions to scientific journals are computed according to practices applied in existing studies:

- removal of any publication not selected by a double-blind refereed procedure (working paper, book, collective work, proceedings, book review....)
- discounting for multiple authorship.

By evaluating the contributions of mostly non Ukrainian members of the Advisory Board (see Table 5.b), one of them being a Nobel Prize in Economics, it should be now possible to establish a relative norm of comparison with highly reputable economists. The figures are now substantially higher for most of the authors named in that list, the Nobel laureate leading in terms of number of entries.

A more detailed analysis (see Table 6) indicates that the high count of "adjusted articles" of the third and of the sixth member of the Advisory Board may be due to specific factors worth investigating. The rule of double-blind referee procedure implies that the articles being counted would be published in a context of strict objectivity, excluding any privileged administrative position in the editorial review process of a given journal for any of the authors. By examining the diversity of journals accepting papers for publication, such as the number of journals with published articles associated with each researcher, it would become more obvious to observe the spread of the contributors in the scientific international community and to detect any potential discrepancy.

Table 5.b

Members of the Advisory Board of the *Ukrainian Economic Review* ranked by number of entries.

Entries	Adjusted*	Full name	Institution or other identification
123	28,8	Klein L.	1980 Nobel Prize in Economics, USA
87	29,3	Kornai J.	Hungary
47	34	Horvat B.	Croatia
45	17	Ellman M.	Netherlands
39	11	Lavigne M.	France
29	19,25	Abalkin L.	Russian Federation
27	6	Aslund A.	Sweden
12	3,5	Ericson R.	USA
3	2,5	Lukinov I.	Ukraine

Source: American Economic Association's "EconLit 1969-3/1995" data-base.

* Adjusted entries (see column "Adjusted") of contributions to scientific journals are computed according to practices applied in existing studies:

- removal of any publication not selected by a double-blind refereed procedure (working paper, book, collective work, proceedings, book review....)
- discounting for multiple authorship.

The Nobel Prize comes first with a third of the total count (29 out of 93), roughly as much as the last 6 contributors put together, with no particular concentration in any given journal, except for the *International Economic Review* with 5 contributions, but scattered from 1970 to 1992. Publications outside the US specify Asia, China, France, Germany, Great Britain, India, Italy, South Africa and Sweden.

A similar variety can be observed with the second author listed, the only economist from a Communist country⁷ awarded a "Foreign Honorary Membership" by the American Economic Association as far back as 1976. Repeated publications in the Hungarian journal "*Acta Oeconomica*" are not concentrated on a given period, but cover a wider span of time, ranging from 1971 to 1993, while the foreign journal publications are located in France, Germany, Great-Britain, Sweden, Switzerland, USSR and the US.

Most of the following researchers also indicate contributions to a variety of journals, covering sometimes different countries, with 2 notable exceptions. In fact, it appears that most of the publications in a given journal, *Economic Analysis of Worker's Management* (14 out of 34 "adjusted" articles), were accepted while the author was also the Editor of that Review. In a similar case, a total of 20 entries refer to only 2 Eastern-based journals, *Problems of Economics* alone carrying 18 of them (10 of them just between 1988 and 1992). In both cases, the number of "adjusted" articles (34 for 11 journals and 19,25 for only 2 journals⁸) should be reexamined cautiously with the corresponding ranking being, eventually, reconsidered.

⁷ He holds a position both in the Institute of Advanced Studies at the Collegium Budapest (Hungary) and in Harvard University (US) since 1986.

⁸ It would be difficult to identify the articles published while the authors held an administrative position in the editorial process in each given journal and, therefore, to propose a properly revised count. However, the variety of foreign journal publications (France, Great Britain, Hungary, Switzerland, USSR and the US) attests, for at least one of these two exceptions, of a prominent visibility in the international scientific community.

Table 6. Members of the Advisory Board of the *Ukrainian Economic Review* ranked by the number of journals with published articles.

Entries	Adjusted*	Full name	Journals	Journal reference
123	28,8	Klein L.	29	<i>American Economic Review</i> (3) <i>Annals of Economic and Social Measurement</i> <i>Atlantic Economic Journal</i> (2) <i>Banca Nazionale del Lavoro Quarterly Review</i> <i>Brookings Papers on Economic Activity</i> <i>Business Economics</i> <i>Challenge</i> <i>China Economic Review</i> <i>Conflict Management and Peace Science</i> <i>Eastern Economic Journal</i> (2) <i>Econometrica</i> (2) <i>Economie Appliquée</i> <i>Engineering Economist</i> <i>European Economic Review</i> <i>Indian Economic Review</i> <i>International Economic Review</i> (5) <i>Journal of Asian Economics</i> (2) <i>Journal of Econometrics</i> <i>Journal of Economic Literature</i> <i>Journal of Finance</i> <i>Journal of Money, Credit and Banking</i> <i>Journal of Policy Modeling</i> <i>Journal of the American Statistical Association</i> <i>Monthly Labor Review</i> <i>Open Economies Review</i> <i>Regional Science and Urban Economics</i> <i>Scandinavian Journal of Economics</i> <i>South African Journal of Economics</i> <i>Zeitschrift für Nationalökonomie</i> (2)
87	29,3	Kornai J.	20	<i>Acta Oeconomica</i> (10) <i>American Economic Review</i> <i>Brookings Papers on Economic Activity</i> <i>Cambridge Journal of Economics</i> <i>Challenge</i> <i>De Economist</i> (2) <i>Eastern European Economics</i> <i>Econometrica</i> (2) <i>Economics of Planning</i> (2) <i>Economie Appliquée</i> (2) <i>European Economic Review</i> <i>Journal of Comparative Economics</i> (2) <i>Journal of Economic Literature</i> <i>Journal of Economic Perspectives</i> <i>Journal of Economic Theory</i> <i>Kyklos</i> (3) <i>Matekon</i> (2)

Entries	Adjusted*	Full name	Journals	Journal reference
				<i>Mathematical Social Sciences</i> <i>Scandinavian Journal of Economics</i> <i>World Development</i>
45	16	Ellman M.	13	<i>ACES Bulletin</i> <i>Cambridge Journal of Economics</i> (4) <i>Comparative Economic Studies</i> <i>De Economist</i> (2) <i>Economic Journal</i> <i>Economica</i> <i>European Review of Agricultural Economics</i> <i>Journal of Comparative Economics</i> <i>Journal of Development Studies</i> <i>Oxford Economic Papers</i> <i>Scottish Journal of Political Economy</i> <i>World Development</i> <i>World Economy</i>
47	34	Horvat B.	11	<i>Acta Oeconomica</i> (2) <i>Eastern European Economics</i> (6) <i>Economic Analysis of Workers's Management</i> (14) <i>European Economic Review</i> (3) <i>International Social Science Journal</i> <i>Journal of Comparative Economics</i> <i>Journal of Development Studies</i> <i>Kyklos</i> (2) <i>Oxford Economic Papers</i> <i>Revue Economique</i> <i>World Development</i> (2)
39	11	Lavigne M.	7	<i>Acta Oeconomica</i> <i>Economies et Sociétés</i> (4) <i>Recherches Economiques de Louvain</i> <i>Revue de Science Financière</i> <i>Revue Economique</i> <i>Soviet and Eastern European Foreign Trade</i> (3) <i>World Economy</i>
27	6	Aslund A.	5	<i>Acta Oeconomica</i> <i>American Enterprise</i> <i>Communist Economies and Economic Transformation</i> <i>Journal of Comparative Economics</i> <i>Soviet Economy</i> (2)
12	3,5	Ericson R.	4	<i>Econometrica</i> <i>Journal of Comparative Economics</i> <i>Journal of Economic Perspectives</i> <i>Journal of Economic Theory</i>
29	19,25	Abalkin L.	2	<i>Problems of Economics</i> (18) <i>Soviet Economy</i> (2)
3	2,5	Lukinov I.	2	<i>European Review of Agricultural Economics</i> <i>Problems of Economics</i> (2)

Source: American Economic Association's "EconLit 1969-3/1995" data-base.

* Adjusted articles (see column "Adjusted") of contributions to scientific journals are computed according to practices applied in existing studies:

- removal of any publication not selected by a double-blind refereed procedure (working paper, book, collective work, proceedings, book review....)

- discounting for multiple authorship (see column "Authors").

VI. Conclusion.

The main objective of this study was quite limited. It intended to shed a timid light on the external aspect of visibility of Ukrainian scientific production in the international community of economists. This overall analysis should be taken as being only tentative and representative of a given period of time. Demographic factors alone indicate that the vast majority of names from the Diaspora listed in Table 4 are either institutionally retired or presently inactive researchers⁹ and bound to provoke major changes in the actual rankings in the coming decade or so.

While careful attention was being taken not to underestimate the scientifically recognized contributions of any single individual, it should be understood that what matters first, in this analysis, is the attempt to draw an overall picture of the position of Ukrainian economists among their peers providing, by the same token, a representation of the individual publishing practices of some highly professional and reputable economists, including a Nobel Prize laureate¹⁰, in the very competitive context of international academic prominence.

⁹ While it was not possible to obtain demographic information on economists living in Ukraine, it would fair to suppose that the age distribution, in that case, would not be identical to the situation observed in the Diaspora.

¹⁰ Another Nobel laureate, Simon Kuznets, from Russian origin, was born in Kharkiv, the second largest city of Ukraine.

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