

Editors' Introduction

This special issue of "Research in Economics and Business: Central and Eastern Europe" (REB) on Entrepreneurship and Small Business Research is based on selected papers from the 15th Nordic Conference on Small Business Research that was held from 21 to 23 May 2008 in Tallinn, Estonia.

The first Nordic Conference on Small Business Research took place in 1980, in Växjö, Sweden and since then it has been a biennial event organised in the Nordic countries – 1982 in Lillehammer, 1984 in Copenhagen, 1986 in Umea/Vasa, 1988 in Bodo, 1990 in Copenhagen, 1992 in Turku, 1994 in Halmstad, 1996 in Lillehammer, 1998 in Växjö, 2000 in Aarhus, 2002 in Kuopio, 2004 in Tromso and 2006 in Stockholm. In 2008, for the first time the conference was organised outside the Nordic countries, namely in Tallinn, by TSEBA. The development of research on entrepreneurship and small business has been considerable within the past 20 years. The papers included in this issue of REB comprise CEE specific studies as well as research in a comparative perspective with Nordic countries and Russia.

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TSEBA was established in 1940 having initially around 600 students. At present there are over 3,000 students at TSEBA, including over 2,000 Bachelor's, nearly 800 Master's and 90 Doctoral students. In addition to Estonian language programmes, Bachelor's and Master's programmes in international business administration are taught in English. All of the study programmes are fully accredited. The School is a member of many international organisations such as EFMD, CEEMAN, BMDA and EIASM. Research is an essential part of TSEBA activities with the faculty being increasingly involved in various national and international research projects as well as co-operation networks.

On behalf of the Editorial Board,

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