
75 YEARS SCIENTIFIC TRIBUNE FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH

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Abstract: The *Economic Archive* journal is a scientific economic publication which has been in print without interruption for as long as 75 years. As a scientific tribune for economic growth it has been printed permanently by Tsenov Publishing¹; it has been administered and funded by the D. A. Tsenov Academy of Economics. Throughout those 75 years (until issue 3 / 2020) the journal has published 2,637 articles by authors from over 20 countries representing over 100 scientific organizations, institutions of higher education and other institutions. The journal releases 4 issues per annum in a paper and electronic format in Bulgarian (under the name Narodnostopanski Arhiv²) and English; it is indexed in six international bibliographic databases. Its electronic archive (<https://www2.uni-svishtov.bg/NSArhiv/>) has supported full-text bilingual free access to all articles since 2013; via the resources of the Central and Eastern European Online Library (CEEOL), access has been possible to all articles since 2008. Over the last decade, in four consecutive years, the journal has been co-financed on the basis of projects of the Editorial Board approved by the Scientific Research Fund in Bulgaria following calls for project proposals for Bulgarian Scientific Periodicals.

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² Transliterated from the Cyrillic „Народностопански Архив“.

Introduction

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1. Establishment and first publishing initiatives

The historic decision for the establishment of the *Economic Archive* journal is made on 1st October 1945, when the Academic Council of the D. A. Tsenov Higher School of Economic and Social Sciences approves a report by prof. Todor Vladigerov, PhD in which he proposes the establishment of a quarterly scientific journal with a volume of 40 press sheets per annum. With this decision, prof. Todor Vladigerov, PhD, who has made the proposal, is appointed as the journal's first editor-in-chief (he will later be elected a corresponding member of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences).

The chronicle of the Higher School, kept since its establishment on 8th November 1936, shows that the decision of the Academic Council is registered under # 100. We have all reasons to claim that this is a pioneering decision as it leads to the establishment of the first academic economic journal in Bulgaria. Along with prof. Todor Vladigerov, PhD, the decision is supported by the remaining participants in that session of the Academic Council: The Rector, prof. Dimitar Burov, the professors Atanas Beschkov, Gospodin Toshev, Vasil Rankov and the associate professors (at the time,

later to become professors) P. Spirkov and V. Gavriyski. Following several months of work by the editor-in-chief, the first copy of the journal is printed at the beginning of 1946.

The editorial article describes the motives for printing the journal: “*The Institute for Economic Research at the D. A. Tsenov Higher School of Economic and Social Sciences – Svishtov establishes this journal in order to give its contribution to the discussions and decisions of those problems in the field of Economics which today are of interest to the society, and which are significant not only for the theory, but also for the practice. Day after day, they become more complicated as they are closely related to the structural changes in the economy and the society both at home and abroad. The solution to those problems can be facilitated by the economic science, more specifically political economics ...*”

In his bibliographic research from 2010, prof. Radko Radkov, DSc (Radkov, 2010) has found out that when the decision to establish a scientific journal at the Higher School in Svishtov is made, there is no other university economic journal in Bulgaria. Upon its establishment in 1945, it is named *Economic Archive*³. Six years later (1952/53) it is to be renamed to *Messages from the Financial and Economic Institute – Svishtov*. The decision for this, however, is made as early as 1949. Thirteen years later (1965) the journal regains its original name (only one letter is changed⁴) – „Народностопански архив”.

The first issue of the *Economic Archive* journal is published in January 1946. Its topics and structure fully correspond to the declared objectives and tasks. Issue one is structured in the following sections: Articles, Overviews, Documentation, Reviews, Bibliography and Appendixes. The leading article is by prof. T. Vladigerov, PhD – “From Wartime to Peacetime Economy. Economic Freedom – Economic Interference”. We can define this article as a programme, as it outlines the major theoretical direction of the journal in support of the radical changes in the economy and the society after World War II.

This section also includes articles by: Asen Kemilev, Secretary General of the Supreme Economic Chamber – “Existence Minimum and National Income”, Dr. Zahari Statkov, Managing Director of Bulgarian Credit Bank – “The Industry and the Industrial Credit in the National Economy”, Dr. Engr. M. Gerasimov, head of Department of Industrial Production at the

³ Narodostopanski Arhiv – transliterated from the Bulgarian “Народностопански архив”.

⁴ Narodnostopanski Arhiv – transliterated from the Bulgaria “Народностопански архив”.

Ministry of Commerce and Industry – “The Significance of the Industry for Bulgaria’s National Economy”.

In the overviews section we find publications by: Dr. Peyo Peev, Director of the Institute for State Supervision on Private Insurance Companies – “The State of the Insurance Business in the Country”, regular assistant professor Stefan Stanev – “The Economic State in our Country in 1945”, Y. Alekov, Bulgarian National Bank, Sofia – “Bulgarian Agreement with USSR for Mutual Deliveries of Goods”. The documentation section includes two papers: “Charter of United Peoples” and “Feeding Europe”. These are followed by the reviews and bibliography sections and finally, we find the appendixes in their original language.

2. Editors-in-chief

Upon the establishment of the *Economic Archive* journal, its editor-in-chief is its chief initiator and designer, prof. Todor Vladigerov, PhD. After prof. T. Vladigerov embarks on a diplomatic service, the editor-in-chief responsibilities for the period 1948–1951 are assumed by prof. P. Spirkov and assoc. prof. (at that time) P. Mastikov. They are succeeded by assoc. prof. Chavdar Beyazov (1956–1959). Prof. M. Rusenov is an editor-in-chief during two periods: 1952–1955 and 1964–1966. Assoc. prof. Ivan Dochev is an editor-in-chief in 1967, assoc. prof. Delcho Poryazov – in 1971, whereas assoc. prof. Dimitar Panayotov – during the period 1968–1972. (Those editors-in-chief are later to become professors). The longest term as an editor-in-chief of the journal is served by prof. Velichko Nankov – without interruptions from 1973 to 1986. Prof. V. Nankov is succeeded as the editor-in-chief by assoc. prof. Sv. Kalchev – from 1987 to 1999. After him, prof. Atanas Damyanov becomes editor-in-chief heading the editorial board for a period of nine years (1999–2007). He is succeeded by assoc. prof. Andrey Zahariev (2007–2010); from issue 2, 2010, the editor-in-chief is prof. Radko V. Radkov. From issue 3, 2012, the editor-in-chief is prof. Mihail Dochev, PhD. From issue 1, 2013, the editor-in-chief is prof. Danail Vrachovski, PhD; throughout this period, prof. Andrey Zahariev, PhD is the deputy editor. From issue 4, 2014 until today, the editor-in-chief is prof. Andrey Zahariev, PhD. From issue 3, 2015, the deputy editor is prof. Georgi Ivanov, PhD, and from the jubilee issue 4, 2020, the deputy editor is prof. Yordan Vasilev, PhD.

3. Print run and periodicity of the journal

The periodicity of the journal from its establishment until today is 4 issues per annum. This periodicity is observed throughout the whole period with several insignificant exceptions: for its 5th and 6th anniversary – 1950/51 and 1952/53 – 4 issues are printed per two years. This causes a discrepancy between the number of calendar years and the years of printing the four consecutive issues for the corresponding year. This is why in 2020, when it is 75 since the decision for the establishment of the journal, the subscription years marked on the cover are LXXIII.

Upon its establishment, the print run is 1,000 copies, which is preserved until 1953. Then the print run varies between 1,300 and 1,800 copies. In issue 1 of 1964, the print run is announced as 1,800 copies; after that, the number of copies is no longer announced. With the introduction of electronic databases for access to library information, the print run of the journal is reduced to 100 copies and is determined on the basis of the regular subscribers and the number of copies for the official institutions and the inter-library exchange.

4. International aspect, ethical rules and full-text English translation

Throughout the whole period since the establishment of the journal, all authors have been required to provide abstracts in the major international languages. Initially, the abstracts are provided in three languages: French, Russian and English (1946–1947); this is followed by abstracts in two languages – first in French and Russian (1948–1951), then – in Russian and German (1952–1972). In 1973, the abstracts are provided in three languages: Russian, English and German. From 1978 to 1997, they are published in Russian and English, after which the abstracts are provided only in English.

From 2009, when associate prof. Andrey Zahariev is editor-in-chief, the editorial policy requires the publishing of a fifth issue which includes translation of those articles from the traditional 4 quarterly issues written in Bulgarian which have attracted the highest readership interest (Zahariev, 2009). From 2013, after several changes in the editorial board, when prof. Andrey Zahariev is editor-in-chief, the journal starts being published bilingually with a “mirror” arrangement of the sections in the paper publication in both Bulgarian and English.

The editorial board has adopted the Committee on Publication Ethics of the publishing corporation **Elsevier** which develops and owns the largest

database for publications indexation SCOPUS. A mode of double-blind peer review is introduced as all submitted manuscripts are checked with special software for originality. From 2020, the integration of the articles in the SCOPUS / Web of Science databases requires that all authors be identified through their scientific account in the **ORCID** database.

Issue 3 (July – September) of the jubilee 2020 is dedicated to the COVID-19 crisis and its impact on the economy, social sphere and the labour market. Some of the prominent authors in this thematic issue are prof. Dimitar Ivanov, DSc, prof. Atanas Damyanov, DSc, prof. Venelin Terziev, DSc⁵, etc.

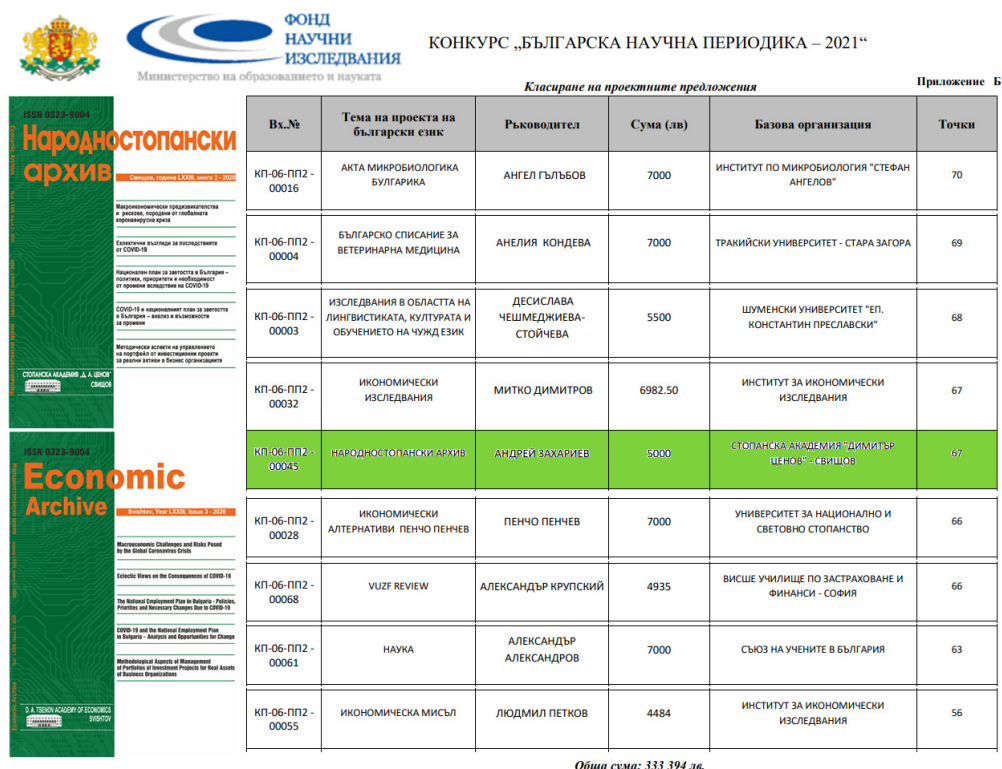


Figure 1. Results of the call for proposals for Bulgarian Scientific Periodicals – 2021

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With a decision of the Scientific Research Fund at the Ministry of Education and Science, following calls for project proposals for Bulgarian Scientific Periodicals - 2021, the journal will be financed with the sum of BGN 5,000 on the basis of a project developed by the Editorial Board and

⁵ Prof. Venelin Terziev holds three Doctor of Sciences degrees: in Economics, in National Security and in Social Sciences.

approved by the Scientific Research Fund in Bulgaria; this amount will help cover printing and publication expenses for the publishing year 2021 (see fig. 1).

The journal is awarded the most points (67 out of 70 possible) among the project proposals of economic journals in the country. This equals the result of the indexed in SCOPUS Q2 journal *Economic Research* of the Institute for Economic Research at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences and leaves behind the traditional journals of the University of National and World Economy (*Economic Alternatives* with 66 points), and of the Institute for Economic Research at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (*Economic Thought* with 56 points).

An important criterion for the ranking is also the participation of scholars from other Bulgarian universities in the editorial board throughout the assessed period (2017–2019), among them, notably, assoc. prof. Presiyana Nankova, PhD, head of the largest department at the University of National and World Economy – the Department of Finance. In the last decade, we (our team: the editor-in-chief and the technical secretary – inspector Deyana Veselinova) have managed to defend and win a project following an application to the Scientific Research Fund at the Ministry of Education and Science for project proposals for Bulgarian Scientific Periodicals. We are grateful for the support in formatting articles to the proofreader Anka Taneva, and to the translators: senior lecturer Ventsislav Dikov, senior lecturer Elka Uzunova, senior lecturer Petar Todorov, PhD, senior lecturer Rosemary Papworth and the rest of the colleagues of the Department of Foreign Language Teaching who have been part of the translation team over the years.

Over this decade another journal has also been approved for financing following the same call for project proposals to the Scientific Research Fund – *Business Management* (the D. A. Tsenov Academy of Economics being the beneficiary) with prof. Borislav Borisov, DSc as the editor-in-chief and prof. Krasimir Shishmanov, PhD as the deputy editor.

5. The journal in figures and authors

The democratic changes in Bulgaria, the economic growth and Bulgaria's membership in the European Union have affirmed the journal as a tribune for economic debates of national, continental and global character. For the period 2013 – 2020, the journal has published articles by 191 authors, of which 85.9% are from Bulgaria, and 14.1% are from abroad (see Table 1).

Table 1

| Years | Total | Bulgarian authors | Foreign authors |
|-------|------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 2013 | 22 | 18 | 4 |
| 2014 | 22 | 22 | 0 |
| 2015 | 24 | 21 | 3 |
| 2016 | 26 | 24 | 2 |
| 2017 | 24 | 22 | 2 |
| 2018 | 23 | 18 | 5 |
| 2019 | 24 | 17 | 7 |
| 2020 | 26 | 22 | 4 |
| | 191 | 164 | 27 |

Top ten of the leading institutional partners whose researchers have published in the journal includes: the University of National and World Economy, the University of Economics – Varna, the Institute of Economic Research at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, “Angel Kanchev” University of Ruse, the Georgi Rakovski Military Academy, the St. Cyril and St. Methodius University of Veliko Tarnovo, New Bulgarian University, the South-west University “Neofit Rilski” – Blagoevgrad and University “Prof. dr Asen Zlatarov” – Burgas. Authors from the practice are expressed in a two-digit number. A total of 2,637 articles and reviews have been published throughout those 75 publishing years (see Table 2).

Table 2

Publications (articles and reviews) 1946–2020.

| Year | Authors' participations in publications from: | | | Total publications |
|-----------|---|----------|--------|--------------------|
| | D. A. Tsenov Academy of Economics | Bulgaria | Abroad | |
| 1946 | 7 | 10 | 0 | 17 |
| 1947 | 7 | 6 | 0 | 13 |
| 1948 | 11 | 2 | 0 | 13 |
| 1949 | 17 | 2 | 0 | 19 |
| 1950/1951 | 15 | 2 | 0 | 17 |
| 1952/1953 | 21 | 1 | 0 | 22 |
| 1954 | 23 | 0 | 0 | 23 |
| 1955 | 23 | 0 | 0 | 23 |
| 1956 | 24 | 1 | 0 | 25 |

| Year | Authors' participations in publications from: | | | Total publications |
|------|---|----------|--------|--------------------|
| | D. A. Tsenov Academy of Economics | Bulgaria | Abroad | |
| 1957 | 29 | 1 | 1 | 31 |
| 1958 | 26 | 2 | 5 | 33 |
| 1959 | 24 | 5 | 3 | 32 |
| 1960 | 29 | 2 | 4 | 35 |
| 1961 | 29 | 2 | 4 | 35 |
| 1962 | 31 | 1 | 4 | 36 |
| 1963 | 30 | 5 | 2 | 37 |
| 1964 | 34 | 2 | 1 | 37 |
| 1965 | 38 | 3 | 0 | 41 |
| 1966 | 38 | 0 | 3 | 41 |
| 1967 | 41 | 0 | 2 | 43 |
| 1968 | 39 | 5 | 2 | 46 |
| 1969 | 36 | 2 | 6 | 44 |
| 1970 | 42 | 5 | 2 | 59 |
| 1971 | 42 | 0 | 2 | 44 |
| 1972 | 41 | 1 | 2 | 44 |
| 1973 | 39 | 1 | 2 | 42 |
| 1974 | 42 | 0 | 2 | 44 |
| 1975 | 45 | 1 | 3 | 49 |
| 1976 | 51 | 1 | 1 | 53 |
| 1977 | 56 | 0 | 3 | 59 |
| 1978 | 49 | 0 | 3 | 52 |
| 1979 | 56 | 0 | 2 | 58 |
| 1980 | 54 | 0 | 6 | 60 |
| 1981 | 58 | 0 | 0 | 58 |
| 1982 | 60 | 0 | 1 | 61 |
| 1983 | 60 | 0 | 2 | 62 |
| 1984 | 58 | 1 | 0 | 59 |
| 1985 | 49 | 2 | 3 | 54 |
| 1986 | 50 | 2 | 2 | 54 |
| 1987 | 53 | 2 | 3 | 58 |
| 1988 | 46 | 5 | 1 | 52 |
| 1989 | 49 | 0 | 3 | 52 |
| 1990 | 42 | 2 | 1 | 45 |
| 1991 | 26 | 0 | 0 | 26 |

| Year | Authors' participations in publications from: | | | Total publications |
|------|---|------------|------------|--------------------|
| | D. A. Tsenov Academy of Economics | Bulgaria | Abroad | |
| 1992 | 18 | 0 | 0 | 18 |
| 1993 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 14 |
| 1994 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 17 |
| 1995 | 31 | 2 | 1 | 34 |
| 1996 | 33 | 0 | 0 | 33 |
| 1997 | 33 | 0 | 0 | 33 |
| 1998 | 29 | 7 | 1 | 37 |
| 1999 | 32 | 4 | 2 | 38 |
| 2000 | 24 | 7 | 4 | 35 |
| 2001 | 27 | 9 | 5 | 41 |
| 2002 | 25 | 5 | 3 | 33 |
| 2003 | 24 | 7 | 2 | 33 |
| 2004 | 17 | 13 | 0 | 30 |
| 2005 | 26 | 7 | 6 | 39 |
| 2006 | 26 | 7 | 2 | 35 |
| 2007 | 26 | 5 | 4 | 35 |
| 2008 | 22 | 9 | 2 | 33 |
| 2009 | 21 | 6 | 1 | 28 |
| 2010 | 31 | 4 | 3 | 38 |
| 2011 | 20 | 5 | 3 | 28 |
| 2012 | 26 | 7 | 3 | 36 |
| 2013 | 11 | 5 | 4 | 20 |
| 2014 | 16 | 3 | 0 | 19 |
| 2015 | 20 | 5 | 3 | 20 |
| 2016 | 18 | 6 | 2 | 21 |
| 2017 | 8 | 14 | 2 | 20 |
| 2018 | 10 | 10 | 4 | 21 |
| 2019 | 3 | 14 | 7 | 20 |
| 2020 | 11 | 17 | 5 | 20 |
| | 2,259 | 255 | 150 | 2,637 |

These publications (including teamwork research) by the D. A. Tsenov Academy of Economics report 2,259 author participations, 255 author participations of Bulgarian scholars and 150 of foreign scholars.

For conclusion

The *Economic Archive* journal looks forward to its centennial jubilee. Convention dictates that the standard of reviewing and approval for publication shall continue to be among the highest in the academic and scientific circles. The journal has managed to survive over the years not only due to its pioneering mission and the support by the institution – the D. A. Tsenov Academy of Economics, but also owing to the personal efforts of all members of the editorial and international board, the technical support team and the Tsenov Publishing House.

Many happy returns!

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