

## MATTIMAR OÜ – TWENTY YEARS OF ACTIVITIES

The Mattimar Company which has been operating for 20 years was first registered on 12 October 1993 as a public limited company with the Enterprise Department of the Tallinn City Government. According to the Commercial Code of the Republic of Estonia, which came into effect on 1 September 1995, companies were reregistered and Mattimar continued its activities as a private limited company. Matti Raudjärv has been the founder and sole owner of the company, the name Mattimar is a combination of the founder's first name and the first name of his daughter Mari-Liis who was born in 1975. The Mattimar Company can be regarded as a microenterprise which was established due to the need to take prompt action without bureaucracy in organising scientific conferences and to perform other, often related activities (publishing, further training, business consultations but also forestry, etc.).

The activities of Mattimar OÜ have had two main orientations (but in parallel also a number of other active periodic and one-time activities):

- *organisation of scientific conferences* (e.g. year-round preparation of conferences on economic policy, incl. the development of their detailed working programme, cultural, health and nature programme; its coordination with the main presenters and key persons and different negotiations with the businesses and specialists of the conference site; estimates of financial issues and holding the respective negotiations, finding sponsors, if necessary; finding conference interpreters and holding negotiations with them; negotiations over catering and accommodation; prevention of possible problems and finding alternative solutions, actual conduction of the conference; drawing conclusions, etc.);
- *publishing of scientific literature* (e.g. distribution of information on opportunities for publishing papers in this journal; preparation of terms and conditions for publishing (which require specification and development from time to time); organisation of translation and proofreading; finding peer reviewers (above all from foreign countries) and holding negotiations with them; ordering overviews (to the chronicles section); organisation of the compilation of materials for the journal; negotiations and co-operation with the printing office; co-operation with the publishing house in Germany and the Estonian ISSN and ISBN Centre; distribution of the journal in foreign countries and in Estonia; co-operation with international databases<sup>1</sup> for the inclusion of the papers; co-operation with editors and with the editorial board and the translators; if necessary, solution of different problems, etc.).

As to organisation of conferences, Mattimar OÜ has been related to the international conference on economic policy, which will be held in Jäneda Manor at the end of

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<sup>1</sup> In addition to the databases listed on the verso of the title page, also the world's largest library established in Washington in 1800 – **the Library of the U.S. Congress** – has been a subscriber to this journal for a number of years.

June 2013, already for 20 years (since 1994)<sup>2</sup> as at the time of the first conference in 1984 under the conditions of deep command economy in Estonia the company had not been established yet.

The papers published in the journal undergo anonymous peer review (i.e. „blind peer review“) by independent reviewers with a doctoral degree. The papers are first read by the editors of the journal who may then ask the authors to make revisions or amendments to the papers, after which the papers will be sent mainly to foreign peer reviewers but also to top experts from Estonia. The current network of peer reviewers includes more than 30 experts, mainly from the universities and institutions of professional higher education of other countries. We have made efforts to gradually increase the number of experts as not all peer reviewers are able to undertake reviewing every year due to their main job assignments. After amendment of the papers by authors according to the comments of reviewers, we often contact the reviewers again to obtain their final opinion.

The chronicles section of the journal includes an important column on recently deceased well-known Estonian economists, academic staff and research organisers. Overviews of their activities have been mainly written by their colleagues, students and friends. These persons presented in the chronicles are certainly worth remembering because of their important activities and contribution to the Estonian economic and social development. We intend to continue the column also in the future. Therefore a deep bow and many thanks from the undersigned to everybody who has prepared these overviews!

The 20 years of activities of Mattimar OÜ as a microenterprise have provided sufficiently good business experience in different areas of corporate business, including accounting, but above all in management and publishing activities.

The undersigned also appreciates the contribution of all authors of papers, participants and presenters in conferences, co-editors and technical assistants, members of the international editorial board, interpreters and translators, supporters and other contributors, including the sponsors. Giving my heartfelt thanks to everybody and looking forward to further substantial and fruitful co-operation with all of you.

Matti Raudjärv

Founder-owner and manager of Mattimar OÜ;  
author of the idea and main organiser of the series of conferences,  
chief editor of the earlier collections and the current journal

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At Pirita-Kose in Tallinn

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<sup>2</sup> The conference which will be held at Jäneda in 2013 is actually already the 21st for Matti Raudjärv, the author of the idea and the main organiser. The twenty earlier scientific conferences have taken place at Värskas and have been known as „the Värskas conferences“. Organisation of these conferences probably supported the development of the regional economy of Southeast Estonia and Värskas, at least in the 1990s.