

30 YEARS FROM THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MATTIMAR OÜ (Ltd) PUBLISHING, CONFERENCE, CONSULTATION AND TRAINING COMPANY

Mattimar OÜ received the activity license from the Tallinn City Government on 12 October 1993. The owner and founder, Member of the Management Board, Managing Director Matti Raudjärv was then working as the Head of the Chair of Economic Policy of the Faculty of Economics of the Tallinn University of Technology (TUT) and professor of the same chair (since 1992).

It was necessary to establish a company because it was planned in 1994 to organise the II Scientific Conference on Economic Policy after an interval of 10 years.¹ The company was established also because organisation of the conference and publishing of research papers was related to financing and accounting procedures which were rather bureaucratic in such a large university as TUT. In a small private company the bureaucracy was excluded and the transactions were performed fast and operatively.

Establishment of Mattimar OÜ partly laid the foundation to the international conferences of several days held annually for decades by now and to the international scientific journal in three languages. The fellowship months of the undersigned in the Federal Republic of Germany, at the University of Kiel and the University of Frankfurt from the end of October 1989 until the beginning of February 1990, served as a strong foundation to these activities. The work, communication and time at the German universities added considerable new knowledge, broadened the mind and gave additional experience in research and teaching, and many new colleagues and friends. Besides, practical experience in market economy and economic policy, broadening of the mind and getting acquainted with the cultural environment of other nations.

The company has had fruitful cooperation with many authors of papers, interpreters and translators, peer reviewers, the Miniprint OÜ publishing house, IT specialists, Väraska Sanatoorium AS and Jäneda Mõis OÜ, the German publisher Berliner Wissenschafts-Verlag GmbH of scientific literature, organising committees of the conferences and editorial boards of the journal, cultural groups and many other people who have helped and contributed. Heartfelt thanks to all of them!

The fellowship time also gave additional motivation to the undersigned to develop with the company the organisation of consultation and training activities in Estonia, including in Estonian private establishments of higher education and enterprises and

¹ The first (I) scientific conference had been held at the end of May 1984 as a three-day ship conference so-to-say (on the route: Tartu-Väraska /Emajõgi, lakes Peipus and Pskov/; Väraska-Pskov-Väraska /Lake Pskov, Velikaya River and Pskov, Emajõgi River/; Väraska-Tartu /lakes Pskov and Peipus, Emajõgi River/). The conference work took place mainly on the ship in three sections, and the catering and accommodation had been arranged at Väraska, the opening plenary meeting was in Tartu, in the History Museum of the University of Tartu on Toome Hill, and the final plenary meeting at Väraska, and it was a success, therefore the participants requested organisation of another, next conference by the undersigned.

organisations.² These activities included also several training trips for heads and specialists of Estonian companies, for instance to Germany, Austria and Switzerland, to visit the enterprises and fairs.

Several consultation and training trips to Estonia, Finland and Sweden have been arranged also, for instance, to colleagues from Voronezh State University (Russia). The same tours in Estonia have been arranged also to colleagues from Georgia and Germany. The pandemics and the war in Ukraine have stopped the earlier consultation and training activities for colleagues from other countries (trips to Norway had been planned to colleagues from Voronezh, etc.).

The company has also been engaged in forestry, including planting and growing new trees at the Kaasiku Forest Farm (in Tapa Rural Municipality in the Lääne-Virumaa County and in Järva Rural Municipality in the Järvamaa County) and investing in the home office at Pirita-Kose and its branch offices.

As the founder of Mattimar OÜ has ended his academic work in Estonia (the contract of employment with the University of Tartu ended in August 2017 and the authorisation agreement in June 2019), he has enough time to take care of the activities of Mattimar OÜ, being at retirement age and having become also *emeritus* at the University of Tartu on 1 March 2021.

Currently the main activity is the publishing of the journal, and if the circumstances become clearer, also organisation of conferences. In addition, from time to time “active idling”, communication with friends and taking care of his real estate as much as necessary.

On 27–29 June 2024 it would be time for the conduction of the XXXII scientific conference (assuming that the international situation becomes clearer /pandemics, war in Ukraine, etc./) and colleagues from other countries have more freedom for travelling to Estonia from their homeland, and in 2024 the XXXII volume of our scientific journal will be published.

In July 2023, at the home office at Pirita-Kose

Sincerely,

Matti Raudjärv (Managing Director of Mattimar OÜ,
Chief Editor of the journal *Estonian Discussions on Economic Policy*, and
main organiser of the scientific conferences on business administration and economic policy)

² For instance, before regaining of independence of the Republic of Estonia, the consultations and training events outside one’s main job were mainly organised through the Teadus (Science) Society (the society kept a part of the earnings). As the society ended its activities at the beginning of 1990s, it was much more reasonable to do this work in the form of own company.