

BSR - Introduction

Globalization, new technologies and, especially, networking have given rise to an unprecedented complexity of business systems. This led to the development of numerous approaches and methods for analyzing business systems and managing them in order to improve their competitiveness through well-informed decision-making processes. Research in this area is using and developing a variety of methods that enable us to study business systems and their behaviour under different circumstances e.g. simulation, optimization, intelligent methods, software agents and chaos theory. In addition, researchers use the apparatus of contemporary organization science, sociology and psychology. Research in all these areas is necessary if we want to make further advances in solving problems encountered by contemporary business systems.

Business Systems Research journal is launched with the aim of promoting research of business systems and their functioning using a wide area of approaches and methods that can give insight into such systems, support business process analysis, decision making and management approach that can lead to their enhanced competitiveness. I am sure that the new journal will attract researchers and practitioners who will contribute both theoretical and empirical articles of interest to executives, scholars and specialists, and thus promote the new journal as the valuable addition to the business systems research literature.

The two Editors-in-Chief, Professors Vesna Bosilj Vukšić and Mirjana Pejić Bach from the Faculty of Business and Economics, University of Zagreb, both being my former PhD students, have the reputation of excellent researchers and scientific project leaders with an exceptional understanding of both business systems and systemic view and related methods. It is therefore beyond doubt that the Business Systems Research journal under their leadership has a very promising future.

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