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**EDITORIAL:
HOW DO COMPANIES MEASURE AND MANAGE
ORGANIZATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AND RISKS
FOR IMPROVED PERFORMANCE?**

Dear Reader,

Welcome to the 1st double Issue of Pannon Management Review in the year of 2016, which has got a different structure as compared to the standard issues of PMR. Uniqueness of this issue does not consist in its content, but in the idea to present a selection of papers from the third Strategica International Conference of 2015. This series of conference is organised and hosted by the Faculty of Management from the National University of Political Studies and Public Administration in Romania (Bucharest), a partner institution of the University of Pannonia. Based on the mission of the conference it is a great opportunity for interdisciplinary discussions and debates on the varied suitable ways for businesses, financial and public institutions, governments and nonprofit organizations to approach the new environmental conditions, to make the most of their resources and competitive advantages.

More than 250 academics from over 25 countries and 4 continents are already active parts of Strategica International Conference community, after having attended the previous editions. The fourth edition of the Strategica International Conference focuses in 2016 on the opportunities and risks in the contemporary business environment. Just to have an insight into the diversity of the conference themes the following tracks are especially remarkable: Intangibles as drivers of competitiveness in crisis; State response to the crisis: a source of systemic risk?; Tools and Methods for Market Risk Measurement and Estimation; Knowledge management and innovation: from soft stuff to hard stuff; Modelling and prediction in marketing and management; Business Ethics and CSR; Fostering Entrepreneurship through CSR and Towards Sustainable Public Organizations.

The papers feature a broad range of research issues including the following questions: Which are the current challenges of the globalized marketplace? What constraints do small and medium enterprises encounter when venturing into new markets? What are the main drivers of organizational survival or development on highly competitive specialized markets? How could organizations integrate social and political opportunities and risks into management decision making? How do

companies measure and manage organizational opportunities and risks for improved performance? What are the institutional pitfalls for organizational development? What is the role of knowledge management in the current dynamic organizational environment? What are the public institutions tools for coping with an uncertain and dynamic environment? What is the role of financial institutions in the contemporary business world? What are the compliance opportunities and risks in non-governmental organizations?

I hope that the papers in this issue draw the attention of the readers to the Strategica Conference. I am convinced at the same time that the topics of the papers can offer a broad selection on the management problems of the companies.



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