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Abstract

The International Conferences ESPERA (*“Economic Scientific Research - Theoretical, Empirical and Practical Approaches”*) are organized usually each year by “Costin C. Kirițescu” National Institute for Economic Research, in partnership with the National Bank of Romania and the Center for Economic Information and Documentation. In the last time the Proceedings of the conferences ESPERA are published by Peter Lang International Academic Publishing Group. In the present review are precised details about ESPERA-2019 International Conference which took place under the title “Harnessing tangible and intangible assets in the context of European integration and globalization – Challenges ahead”.

On the 10th and 11th of October 2019 in Bucharest, Romanian Academy hosted the 6th edition of the ESPERA international conference. The ESPERA-2019 conference took place under the title “Harnessing tangible and intangible assets in the context of European integration and globalization – Challenges ahead”.

Since its first launch, in 2013, the ESPERA-2019 international conference was organized by the same three main institutions, that are “Costin C. Kirițescu” National Institute for Economic Research of the Romanian Academy, in partnership with the National Bank of Romania and the Center for Economic Information and Documentation.

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Several institutional partners from Romania and abroad also contributed: Association of Faculties of Economics from Romania; Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova; European Academy of Management and Business Economics; Romanian National Committee – World Energy Council; Bucharest Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Romania; Research Network on Resources Economics and Bioeconomy Association; Gestion y Planificacion Research Group (GESPLAN), Spain; Institute of Agricultural Economics, Belgrade, Serbia; Institute of Economic Sciences, Belgrade, Serbia; Faculty of Social and Cultural Service and Tourism, Stavropol State Agrarian University, Russia; Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, “St. Kliment Ohridski” University Sofia, Bulgaria; Faculty of Hotel Management and Tourism, University of Kragujevac, Serbia; West University of Timișoara, Romania.

The event included a scientific program of wide diversity initiatives, bringing together researchers from all the institutes and centres of the National Institute for Economic Research (NIER) members of the Romanian Academy, Romanian academic researchers and also guests from other countries. We specify here that NIER is an incorporated entity and functions under the aegis of the Romanian Academy. NIER’s main role is to conduct especially fundamental and advanced research work in the fields of economics, sociology and demography. NIER entity coordinates five research institutes, four research centres and seven unincorporated research entities.

ESPERA-2019 Conference Programme was divided into two main parts: the plenary session and 14 parallel workshops.

The opening meeting includes speeches and messages from: Acad. Victor Voicu (Vice-president of Romanian Academy), Acad. Grigore Belostecinic (Member of the Academy of Science of Moldova), Prof. Nicolae Istudor (Rector, Academy of Economic Studies, Bucharest), Prof. Luminița Chivu (General Director, National Institute for Economic Research “Costin C. Kirițescu” of the Romanian Academy). At the end of the plenary section Professor Luminița Chivu presented a comprehensive report about the main researches developed within the National Institute for Economic Research “Costin C. Kirițescu”.

In the plenary session we remarked the following communications: Acad. Mugur Isărescu (Governor of the National Bank of Romania), Professor Jaime Gil Aluja (President of the Royal Academy of Economic and Financial Sciences, Spain) with “Contributions personnelles pour une nouvelle théorie: La théorie des incidences autoinduites” (“Personal contributions for a new theory: The theory of self-induced incidences”), Professor Erna Hennicot-Schoepges (Vice-president of the Institute for Cultural Diplomacy, Luxembourg) about “La culture européenne. Multiculturalisme vs. Mondialisme” (“The European culture. Multiculturalism vs. globalism”), Professor Jean Jacques Askenasy (Honorary Member of Romanian Academy, Professor University of Tel Aviv, Israel) with “About the Economic Triangle of the Brain”.

All the fourteen parallel sections were focusing on priority research topics in the field of economic and social sciences according to the “Romanian Academy Research Strategy 2014-2020”. We remark a large diversity of the research studies mentioned by the 237 titles of communications.

In the subsequent we will enumerate the names of the sections S1-S14. Inside the round bracket is mentioned the number of the communications intended to be presented at the respective section. So, the conference sections S1-S14 are the following: S1: “Romania’s sustainable economic and social development – Models, scenarios, evaluations” (29); S2: “Natural resources patrimony – Costs and benefits of its valorisation” (22); S3: “Knowledge, innovation, smart development and human capital” (23); S4: “Economic dynamics and structural changes for a competitive growth” (25); S5: “European integration and globalisation. New challenges” (30); S6: “Economic instability and stabilisation policies” (7); S7: “Development and improvement of economic and social forecasting tools” (9); S8: “Food safety and security – challenges for agriculture economic development” (24); S9: “Assessment of economic, social and political experiences and thoughts” (3); S10: “Contributions to the New Encyclopaedia of Romania” (round table); S11: “Quality of life and social policies evaluations” (12); S12: “Demographic facts and figures” (10); S13: “Mountain economy” (18); S14: “PhD and post PhD students debates” (25).

The names of the sections S1-S14 suggest the main thematics from the international conference ESPERA-2019. Besides the large spectrum of communications referring strictly to diverse aspects from the economic sector, we mention a varied social problematics, often being sustained the close connection between the economic and social sides.

The Research Institute for Quality of Life from Romanian Academy hosted the interdisciplinary quality of life session. In this context we will enumerate several presentation which have generated ample discussions and suggestions: “Regulatory aspects of minimum housing”; “Empirical evidence regarding social convergence in the European Union”; “A decade of social and economic development of Romania in European Union”; “Digital divide in Romania: Profile of Internet non-users”; “The role of promoting innovation in small and medium enterprises in Romania” and “A longitudinal analysis of the Romanians’ opinions regarding the quality of their education from 1990 to 2010”.

Within the other sections of the conference ESPERA-2019 were sustained over 70 scientific communications that are strongly linked with diverse aspects of the quality of life, as well as the proposed social policies. In order to have an idea of the diversity of the approaches, we will enumerate several titles: “Effects of regional policy on health infrastructure in Romania”; “Specific characteristics of the 4th industrial revolution and their impact on education and research”; “Household income polarization across Europe”; “A regional dimension of population aging”; “Social justice – Impact of rigidities on the labour market”; “Urban regeneration

– Concepts and challenges”; “The quality of environment as a segment of the quality of life: The problem of integrated assessment” and “The sustainability of the Romanian pension system and the cost of changing it”.

We are finishing this line of positive impressions related to the international conference ESPERA-2019, but not before a reminder of the demographic problem in Romania. We mention several such contributions: “Demographic and economic dependence rates and poverty risk”; “Analyzing the impact of educational policies in rural areas on the evolution of demographic indicators”; “Fighting with depopulation of rural areas: Can tourism be a way out?”; “Modelling the causal relationship between demographic trends and agricultural production in Romania”; “Forecasting models within the context of an aging population”.

As for the previous ESPERA conferences, the Peter Lang International Academic Publishing Group has published two volumes with the most interesting communications from ESPERA-2019. More information about the conference are available on: <https://www.conferinte-ince.ro/>