

Editor's Note



This is the second issue of the year 2010. In this issue we published, seven articles, and this time twelve authors from seven different countries are placed. These published articles are from, Slovak Republic, Spain, Serbia, USA, Nigeria, Zimbabwe and Turkey.

“European Integration and position of women in Business Enterprise Sector (BES)” has been sent from Slovak Republic and written by Zuzana Malíková,

Technical University of Košice.

The purpose of this article is to describe gender gap in a field of research and to investigate the changes after Slovak Republic entry to EU. The research on gender gap is mainly focused on business enterprise sector.

The second paper on **“Female Employment in Formal and Informal Sectors of the Serbian Economy”** sent by Mirjana Radović Marković, Isidora Beraha and Ana Jelača, Institute of Economic Sciences, Serbia. In their paper they mentioned that Serbia has a large informal sector estimated at 35 per cent of GDP in 2007, fuelled by a weak regulatory framework, inappropriate tax and expenditure policies, and weaknesses in law enforcement, including the fight against corruption. It remains an important challenge as it reduces the efficiency of economic policies.

The third paper has been sent from Spain, written by Bojica Ana Maria, Fuentes Maria del Mar and Albacete Sáez Carlos, University of Granada, which is titled as **“Public Support and Inter-firm Collaborations in Women-Owned Firms”**. This article goes beyond the descriptive analyses of women entrepreneur's networks, and advances the idea of interdependency between the different types of relationships they build. It emphasizes that developing ties with support institutions can reinforce and legitimate them in the interactions with peers organizations.

The fourth paper on **“Women of Heraldry”** was written by LaWanna Blount, vice-president of American School of Genealogy, Heraldry and Documentary Sciences, USA. She discussed the important traditions and rules that the age of chivalry demanded of women in the bearing of arms and how their education reflected the needs of the era. She then indicated current changes about women and the bearing of arms.

The fifth article of this issue is coming from Faculty of Education, Lagos State University by Abari and Oshun on **“Enrolment, Attrition and Graduation of**

the Girl Child in Public Junior Secondary Schools in South West Nigeria, 1999 – 2006". The paper deals with very interesting and important problematic of the girl child education in Nigeria. Applied methodology is appropriate, time series sufficient and the contribution leads to adequate analysis. This paper can be an inspiration for other similar studies in developing countries.

The sixth paper arrived from, National University of Science and Technology, Zimbabwe written by Moreblessings Siziba on "**Strategies on Women Entrepreneurship Survival: A Case Study of Women Entrepreneurs in Zimbabwe Between 2007-2009**". This paper gives an insight on how various women entrepreneurs managed to adapt to the Zimbabwean unfamiliar business environment during 2007-2009. These women state the different challenges that they faced and the strategies they used to win over and be successful.

The seventh article is from Turkey written by Kemal Yıldırım on "**Social Changes and Their Impact on Women in Turkey and its Membership to the EU**". The aim of this paper is to reflect Gender, Discrimination and Human Rights in Turkey.

My sincere appreciation goes to the members of the Editorial Board and for the effort they put in to make the journal a success. **Prof. Dr. Carl Edwin Lindgren**, a leading international scientist in the field of education, was appointed as a Special Advisor to the *Journal of Women's Entrepreneurship and Education* starting with this Issue.

I also wish to thank the contributors of the articles and excellent work that they have done with hope that they continue to send their worth papers, comments and reactions on the issues. In addition, I would like to remind you that *Journal of Women's Entrepreneurship and Education* is published two times a year, **April** and **October**.



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