

Welcome

Opus et Educatio is an online journal first published in 2014, in Hungarian, and now – from the beginning of 2015 – also available in English. We hope its existence and envisioned development will be justified by the content of future issues. We are aiming at addressing topics that will interest many, in particular those who are involved in the world of work and the human factor, and their development at a professional level. However, this journal is not an exercise in *l’art pour l’art*, nor is it a forum where trendy issues are analysed or topics are selected in the interests of achieving specific communication goals. Perhaps the simplest definition of our objectives is that we wish to publish independent professional papers and generate discussion – yet these aspirations can only be realized when we indeed have many readers who regularly visit the portal of our online journal and actively contribute to the process by commenting, thus facilitating up-to-date and lively intercourse.

We intend to publish quality content by having the papers for our main columns – *Studies* and *Eye Opener* – proofed by experts who do not personally know the authors. *Studies* will present articles by acknowledged experts, researchers, and teachers which define strategies, raise issues, or analyse problems. *Eye Opener*, on the other hand, will host papers dealing with novel initiatives, innovations, and practical issues with the intention of informing an international professional audience.

Following the traditions of the Budapest University of Technology and Economics, our Department is committed to quality and always observes basic communication standards while also complying with the requirements of scientific publications. This is why the Department not only edits the journal in regard to its content and format but also, representing a community committed to education, undertakes to use the latest results of network learning when providing information for a broadly-interpreted professional audience. For this reason, we consider it important to include a column in each issue that reviews new research, books, and other publications. With this formal arrangement we are endeavouring to reference the three pillars of professional communication: theory, practice (and their complex interactions), and critical reviews.

Last but not least, a word about the title. **Opus et Educatio**, while having an archaic or even conservative ring to it, incorporates an important message. Its meaning, “Work and Education”, implies more than a traditional vocational training profile, being the motto that has distinguished our Department, “the editorial nerve centre”, from other workshops of educational science and other departments focusing on education for almost one and a half centuries. Obviously, our initiative will only truly bear fruit if it meets readers’ expectations. Furthermore, editors and readers will jointly profit, if the content, style, and image of the journal is formulated by means of a mutual effort. We are thus asking readers to be our partners in a creative venture. The measure of our success will be the number of regular readers who not only have **Opus et Educatio** on their bookmarks bar, but who also play an active part in this new enterprise, which begins with our first issue.