

Introductory message from the Editor

Until now, the European Review of Energy Markets (EREM) has focused solely on review papers to allow its readers to get a “quick”, conveniently collated, compact but comprehensive overview of the subject matter at hand. It will be recalled that the past five issues, all full Review Issues dealt with “*European Challenges for Europe to 2010*”, “*Key elements of sustainable energy development*”, “*European energy policy: the issues to be addressed*”, “*Regulatory and technical challenges for the European electricity and gas transmission system*”, and “*Security of supply for the European Energy Market*”, respectively.

As it occurs more and more that authors spontaneously submit non invited contributions for publication in EREM, we have decided that valuable papers, with a clear message or interesting original work should not be withheld from our audience. These spontaneously submitted papers undergo a rigorous screening by at least two referees who are instructed to evaluate the papers based on the standards of high quality professional journals. As such we hope to share with our audience solid scientific, economic or legal intellectual work, without publishing “cheap” contributions.

The Editor’s office promises to keep the standard high. If the outcome of our strict high-quality policy results in the end in few spontaneously published papers, then so be it. Quality is more important than quantity.

In this issue of EREM, besides the invited review papers on the subject of EU competition policy, i.e., “*Legal obstacles and limits to market integration and market conduct in the European energy markets*”, we include a section “regular papers” with spontaneously submitted papers.

The first such paper concerns a timely contribution by Gosselin & Leysen entitled “*Vision of evolutions in the petroleum market*”. Depending on the stream of spontaneously submitted papers, and on the quality thereof, extra papers will be added to future review issues.

Enjoy reading this issue of EREM.

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