It gives us great pleasure express our appreciation to all the reviewers for the journal, and want to reiterate this at the end of another successful year for NVSQ. The goodwill of reviewers is a journal's most precious asset, and we thank all of you who volunteer your time to provide reviewers for NVSQ.

Each year, we choose to recognize one reviewer to whom we present the Outstanding Reviewer Award.

Any individual reviewer submitting between January 1st and December 31st 2016 to NVSQ is automatically a candidate for the award. The NVSQ Outstanding Reviewer commends the winner for his or her outstanding peer review efforts over the past year, recognizing the quantity of reviews as well as the quality of the reviews and the timely manner in which they are completed.

In assessing quality, a primary consideration is that the reviewer has provided insightful critiques of the manuscripts by assessing the main drawbacks in theory, methods and conclusions. Second, we value reviewers who have a deep knowledge of relevant literatures, and can assist authors in deepening their treatment of the literature, perhaps by introducing them to international work of that of related disciplines. A third factor is that the reviewer has been constructive. While being rigorous, the best reviewers are thoughtful and encouraging by framing the critique in a way to help the author(s) move the paper to the level of excellence. This process continues through the many revise and resubmits necessary for the manuscript to meet the high quality standards of NVSQ.

This year, we are pleased to present the Award to Professor Marc Jegers of the Free University, Brussels.

Professor Marc Jegers has excelled on all of our criteria. He has conducted a substantial number of reviews in a thoughtful, constructive and timely manner. With his expertise in economics and knowledge of international research, he has been particularly helpful in helping authors broaden their approach to the literature, and is diligent in his review and advice on methodologies.

Congratulations Marc! You well deserve of this award and with it our grateful appreciation in helping NVSQ continue to publish excellent articles.