Dear readers, in the last couple of issues, we have introduced the new members of the Editorial Advisory Board of the Zeitschrift Controlling. Starting with this issue, we will publish in this section portrayals of the present members of our Editorial Advisory Board and update you on their work.

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