

FOREWORD

Dear Readers,

The journal of Statistika has been celebrating 95th anniversary of its original establishing this year. Upon this occasion I would like to express my thanks to you for your continuous favour for this quarterly periodical of the Czech Statistical Office.



In fact, there are very few professional journals in the Czech Republic, which may refer to such a long tradition. The journal of Statistika, in its current form, has been issued as early as since 1964 following the tradition of the *Československý statistický věstník* (Czechoslovak Statistical Bulletin), established back in 1920. In the period 1931 to 1961 the journal was called *Statistický obzor* (Horizons of Statistics) and then in a short period (1962–1963) was named *Statistika a kontrola* (Statistics and Control).

The Journal withstood all the turns and essentially changing conditions in history. Over these years it has become a truly valuable heritage of the Czech Statistical Office. The heritage, which is carefully looked after by the Editorial and Executive

Boards with the objective to strive for its quality and development. Therefore we are proud of the fact that this year the journal of Statistika was accepted into Scopus, the international abstract and citation database of peer-reviewed literature, as a sign of recognition of these continuous efforts.

Since 2011 the journal has been issued in English only. The total of 130 professional and scientific papers has been published since then. The share of foreign papers has also been growing steadily. In the last period their share has exceeded half of all published articles. The overall professional level and quality of the journal has been growing accordingly.

I believe that these trends will be even more intensive in the future. We are looking forward to further cooperation with authors whose papers bring results of analyses in the fields of economy, environment, or social sciences and reflect the official statistics as an instrument supporting decision making processes at all levels. We also greatly acknowledge our readers' attention and support through all these years.

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