

# FOREWORD

Dear readers,

It is a great pleasure for me to introduce you the first 2013 issue of *Statistika*, a quarterly journal published by the Czech Statistical Office.



The second half of 2012 was quite rich in terms of events dealing with environment- and sustainability-related official statistics. I'd like to highlight at least two of them. In June the so-called "Rio +20 Summit" took place in Rio de Janeiro. Its outcome document called "The Future We Want" initiated number of discussions among the representatives of the professional community all over the World. Another important event was European Statistics Director Generals' conference that took place in the Czech Republic in autumn. The result of the conference was the so-called Prague Memorandum aimed at moving forward the green statistics development.

The above mentioned events along with variety of other activities clearly motivated our authors to contribute a significant number of green statistics-related papers. The current issue of *Statistika* offers a whole block of articles devoted to environmental statistics and broader problems of sus-

tainability. One can also expect that these topics will also be represented in the upcoming journal issues, of course depending on the peer review results. Several other papers included in the current issues of the journal provide very interesting insights on work-related topics and banking sector of the Czech Republic.

This year we will continue working on development of our journal by attracting more authors, extending the geography of peer reviewers and increasing number of our readers by improving the journal distribution channels. Among the major changes that have been already introduced is that the journal is now available on the Google Books portal and from now on *Statistika* will also be listed in EBSCO Publishing database. This year we plan to continue registrations in other reference databases. I believe that these steps will help us improve popularity and overall impact of our journal among the professional community.

I wish all the journal readers plenty of creative thoughts and professional success!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Iva Ritschelová".

**Iva Ritschelová**

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