

Applications of Mathematics and Statistics in Economy – AMSE 2014

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On 28 and 29 August 2014, already the 17th international conference called *Applications of Mathematics and Statistics in Economy (AMSE)* took place in Jerzmanowice near Cracow. The conference was organized by the Department of Statistics of the Wrocław University of Economics. More than 50 experts from the Czech Republic, Slovakia, and Poland participated in the conference representing the University of Economics, Prague, Matej Bel University in Banská Bystrica, University of Žilina, Wrocław University of Economics, University of Economics in Katowice, and Cracow University of Economics.

It was already the 17th conference on the topic. In 1998, when it took place for the first time, representatives of departments of statistics from the Faculty of Informatics and Statistics of the University of Economics, Prague and the Department of Applied Informatics of the Faculty of Economics of the Matej Bel University in Banská Bystrica agreed to deepen cooperation of the mentioned workplaces. Thus, besides personal professional contacts among members of the statistical departments, a tradition of alternating in organisation of international conferences of the same or a similar topic was founded. In 2000, also Polish statisticians were invited, because economic issues to cope with are similar in the Czech Republic, Slovakia, and Poland. The invitation of Polish colleagues from the Wrocław University of Economics (with statistical workplaces of which there were already very good relationships for a long time among statistical departments of the University of Economics, Prague) was just a natural consequence of the further development policy regarding thematic orientation of the conferences, because information exchange among experts from Central European countries was and is very challenging. The conference was gradually developing both as for its programme as well as regarding its participants (a higher share of postgraduate students) and it became a “natural” part of professional contacts of experts from statistical departments from the mentioned universities and, naturally, also a place of regular friendly meetings.

Conference papers delivered this year were split to eight thematic groups: Macroeconomic Issues, Application of Statistical Methods in Economics, Insurance and Retirement System, Time Series Analysis Methods, Health Care Issues, Financial Markets and Risk Measurement, Expenditures and Welfare of Households, Microeconomic Issues. Meetings took place in two sections. For AMSE 2014 programme visit: <www.amse.ue.wroc.pl>.

The tradition of alternating organisation (Slovakia – Poland – Czech Republic) continues and thus the 18th AMSE conference (organisers of which are statistical departments of the University of Economics, Prague) in September 2015 will take place in the Czech Republic, in a picturesque environment of the town of Jindřichův Hradec.

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