12th Year of the *International Days of Statistics and Economics* (MSED 2018)

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From 6th to 8th September 2018, a worldwide conference of the International Days of Statistics and Economics (MSED) took place at the University of Economics in Prague.[3] The conference belongs to traditional professional events; this year, the twelfth year of this event was held. The University of Economics, Prague (the Department of Statistics and Probability and the Department of Microeconomics) was the main organizer, as usual; and was helped by the Faculty of Economics, the Technical University of Košice, and Ton Duc Thang University, as co-organizers. The conference ranks among important statistical and economic conferences, which can be proved by the fact that Online Conference Proceedings were included in the Conference Proceedings Citation Index (CPCI), which has been integrated within the Web of Science, Clarivate Analytics since 2011. This year, 319 participants from various countries, such as Poland (59), Russian Federation (92), Slovakia (21), registered at the conference. Other participants came from Vietnam, Turkey, Lithuania, France, etc. Conference participants were, as usual, doctoral students and young scientists of various universities abroad. The aim of the conference was to present scientific papers and discuss current issues in the field of statistics, demography, economics, and human resources, including their mutual interconnection. Regarding statistical topics, the interest was traditionally focused on the cluster analysis, computational statistics, and statistical modeling. This year, a significant contribution by Mr. Marek Rojíček (President of the Czech Statistical Office) was presented. His lecture about the Recent Macroeconomic Development of the Czech Republic was accompanied by fruitful discussion about current economic topics. The second keynote speaker was Mrs. Eva Zamrazilová (head of the National Budgetary Council of the Czech Republic) with her contribution about the Independent fiscal watchdogs and their role in economic policy. This topic also opened an interesting discussion. Due to high erudition, speakers´ general knowledge and topicality of the contributions discussed, the lecture room was full. To conclude, we wish the conference be successful in the next year as well, because it is important that through this professional event deeper connections between important disciplines such as statistics and economics are established and the professional community realizes that the mutual cooperation is crucial to the entire system. We would also like to invite researchers, doctoral students and the wide professional public to the thirteenth International Days of Statistics and Economics, which will take place at the University of Economics, Prague from 5th to 7th September 2019.

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