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Preface

The 11th International Conference on Applications of Mathematics and Statistics in Economy (AMSE'08) was held in Wisła, Poland, on August 27-30, 2008.

The aim of this Conference, like that of all our former conferences, was to present recently studied problems and the recent achievements obtained in the three friendly cooperating scientific centres: the Department of Statistics and Probability of the Faculty of Informatics and Statistics of Economic University in Prague (Czech Republic), the Department of Quantitative Methods and Informatics of the Faculty of Economics of Matej Bel University in Banská Bystrica (Slovak Republic) and Department of Statistics of the Faculty Management, Computer Science and Finance of the Wrocław University of Economics in Wrocław (Poland).

As usually, during this conference there were organized panel discussions in order to exchange the research experience as well as the educational experience and worries concerning the future of education in general, and the quality of education in particular.

During this conference very interesting computer programme for the calculation of basic statistical parameters concerning the dependences between the variables was presented. The author of the demonstrated package, Lubomir Hanusek has been asked to prepare the extended user's manual enabling application of this package in the three scientific centres mentioned above.

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