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TAXONOMIC CONFERENCES – SOME FACTS AND REMARKS

Section on Classification and Data Analysis of Polish Statistical Society (SKAD) has been the member society of International Federation of Classification Societies (IFCS) since 1993. This society was established in 1989 as Taxonomic Section at the conference in Mogilany (near Cracow) and changed its name to SKAD in 1993. The section was founded thanks to the initiative and efforts of three professors: Zdzisław Hellwig, Kazimierz Zajac and Józef Pocięcha.

It is worth to mention that before 1989 Wrocław University of Economics organized five conferences in classification and data analysis. They took place in the following cities and towns: 1979 – Szklarska Poręba, 1981 – Wrocław, 1983 – Ustronie near Kępno, 1984 – Zachełmie near Jelenia Góra, 1987 – Zachełmie near Jelenia Góra.

The regular annual conferences have been taking place since 1993, in the following cities and towns: Karpacz, Cracow, Szklarska Poręba, Ustroń, Łódź, Świerdów Zdrój, Rytro, Ustroń, Łądek Zdrój, Międzyzdroje, Skorzęcin, Białowieża, Podlesice k. Kroczyc, Wisła.

The information about SKAD is given at the Website: www.skad.pl.

Table 1 presents synthetic information about papers contained in all volumes of Taxonomy (from all taxonomic conferences).

The following remarks could be added to the facts presented:

- since 1993 the papers presented at the conferences are published by Wrocław University of Economics;
- the reports about the conference are published in “Statistical Review” (“Przegląd Statystyczny”) and in the IFCS Newsletter, in addition the information is available on SKAD Website;

Table 1. The classification of papers contained in all volumes o Taxonomy (from all taxonomic conferences)

Author's affiliation	Year of the conference																				Total
	1979	1981	1983	1984	1987	1989	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	
Wrocław	5	3	5	2	4	6	5	4	6	12	7	5	7	7	9	9	15	8	8	12	139
Kraków	2	2	4	2	2	3	3	1	3	5	2	2	4	3	2	2	1	8	3	8	62
Katowice	1	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	3	1	2	3	5	8	8	10	5	10	7	68
Jelenia Góra	0	1	0	2	2	3	5	2	2	4	3	4	7	6	10	9	11	10	12	12	105
Warszawa	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	2	2	2	2	2	4	3	1	4	29
Łódź	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	3	2	2	0	1	5	5	5	9	6	43
Poznań	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	2	6	21
Szczecin	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	3	4	1	3	3	18	15	11	7	7	80
Lublin	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3
Białystok	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	3	11	4	0	23
Rzeszów	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	1	4
Gdańsk	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	2	7
Tychy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2
Opole	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	3
Kielce	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Częstochowa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Toruń	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Foreign	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	0	1	0	0	1	1	9
Total	9	10	11	8	10	13	14	9	18	30	20	24	29	29	39	60	70	69	62	68	602
Character of the paper																					
Theory	8	9	6	8	7	11	6	6	7	19	11	14	12	18	19	30	33	32	33	32	321
Applications	1	1	5	0	3	2	8	3	11	11	9	10	17	11	20	30	37	37	29	36	281

Source: www.skad.pl.

- there is a growing number of the participants of the conferences, particularly this refers to young researchers;
- there is a growing number of universities, being the affiliations of the authors of the papers;
- there is a growing number of papers presented;
- since 2004 very strict procedure of the selection of papers has been introduced;
- the balance between theoretical and applied papers in long term is observed.

FAKTY I REFLEKSJE O KONFERENCJACH TAKSONOMICZNYCH

Streszczenie

W artykule w syntetycznej formie przedstawiono rys historyczny konferencji taksonomicznych oraz statystykę wygłoszonych i opublikowanych referatów w podziale na poszczególne lata i ośrodki akademickie. W zakończeniu przedstawiono fakty i refleksje płynące z 20 dotychczasowych konferencji taksonomicznych.