

# 14<sup>th</sup> Year of the *International Days of Statistics and Economics* (MSED 2020)

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From 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> September 2020, a worldwide conference of the *International Days of Statistics and Economics* (MSED) took place at the Prague University of Economics and Business.<sup>3</sup> The conference belongs to traditional professional events; this year, the fourteenth year of this event was held. Prague University of Economics and Business (the Department of Statistics and Probability and the Department of Managerial Economics) 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.

Despite the unfavourable development in the spring of this year, when the epidemiological situation caused ambiguity in the possibility of the simultaneous presence of a larger number of doctoral students and academics and practitioners in one place, the conference was prepared as planned. The received papers were first evaluated in terms of scientific content and suitability of the topic concerning the focus of the conference. After the exclusion of unsatisfactory abstracts, a double independent anonymous review procedure took place in the spring of this year, as a result of which a total of 141 scientific articles were accepted after all modifications and exclusions of rejected articles.

In August of this year, concerning the worsening epidemiological situation, it was decided on a hybrid form of the conference, i.e. part of the papers took place in person, for those conference participants who were allowed to participate at the Prague University of Economics and Business and for some participants, for example, who was not granted a visa, an online presentation took place. None of the conference participants was deprived of any presentation because discussions and presentations from the Prague University of Economics and Business were also broadcast via MS Teams.

A total of 231 conference participants from various countries were registered this year. Traditionally, the most numerous group of foreign participants who were registered includes researchers and doctoral students from Russia (89), then from Slovakia, Vietnam, Austria, Bulgaria, Japan, etc.

We would also like to invite researchers, doctoral students, and the wide professional public to the fifteenth International Days of Statistics and Economics, which will take place at the Prague University of Economics and Business traditionally in early September and, depending on the current epidemiological situation, will take place online if necessary.

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