

Dear Readers,

In 2018, we celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of foundation of Czechoslovakia. This year, the Czech Statistical Office and the Statistical Office of the Slovak Republic celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the state official statistics in our two countries (the State Statistical Office was founded in Czechoslovakia in 1919). *Statistika: Statistics and Economy Journal* will also celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary (volume) in 2020 – the journal follows the tradition of the *Československý statistický věstník* (Czechoslovak Statistical Bulletin), established back in 1920.

Through this special journal issue of our scientific peer-reviewed quarterly (which is last in 2019), we want to complete this jubilee year of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Czechoslovak statistics – to commemorate and remind events, previous developments as well as current quality and state of research in official statistics in our countries. Therefore, it is symbolically composed of articles by Czech and Slovak authors only.

We believe that papers published in this special anniversary issue will be interesting and beneficial for all its readers. We are looking for further cooperation (not only) with authors (and reviewers) from our two countries and wish all our colleagues, partners, and collaborators plenty of creative thoughts, professional success, and satisfaction.

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