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From the Editor

This volume contains a collection of elaborated, extended and peer-reviewed papers presented during the International Conference on the “Quality of Life Improvement through Social Cohesion”. The conference was organized by the Department of Statistics of the Wrocław University of Economics, and held in Wrocław on September 15-18, 2008.

There were three prior conferences on the subject of the quality of life, all organized by the Department of Statistics. The first conference took place on September 9-11, 1999 and resulted in the volume *Aspects of Quality of Life*. The second conference of September 2002 resulted in *Quality of Life Research* published by Yang’s Scientific Press in 2003. And the third conference was held on September 14-16, 2005 and its focus was on the problems of the improving the quality of life. Thus the ensuing work: *Towards Quality of Life Improvement* published by The Publishing House of the Wrocław University of Economics.

The most recent, fourth conference introduced the topic of the social cohesion. The proceedings of the conference were published in 2008 in the form of Technical Report No 45 of the Department of Statistics. This last conference was different in that it was bilingual. Previous meetings were held entirely in English, all discussions and papers were in English. This time, in order to enable a wider participation, during the last day of the conference papers were presented in Polish. The most important of those are included in this volume.

I would like to thank all participants. Especially I would like to thank sincerely everyone who contributed to the success of this volume. The efforts of the referees are particularly valuable and appreciated.

