

# *Mathematical Methods in Economics* (MME 2017) International Conference<sup>1</sup>

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*Mathematical Methods in Economics* (MME) conferences have a very long history and tradition. They are one of the most important scientific events organized in the Czech Republic in the field of operational research, econometrics, mathematical economics, and related research areas. In 2017, the 35<sup>th</sup> international conference *Mathematical Methods in Economics 2017* was organized in the city of Hradec Králové in September 13–15. Except the local organizer, which was the Faculty of Informatics and Management, University of Hradec Králové, main organizers of MME conferences are the *Czech Society for Operations Research* (CSOR) and the *Czech Econometric Society*.

The total number of participants of this year's conference MME 2017 was more than 150 from the Czech Republic, Iran, Italy, Japan, Poland, and Slovakia. The scientific programme started with a plenary session that was introduced by the chair of the Organizing Committee of the conference and the Vice-dean of the Faculty of Informatics and Management, Professor Petra Poullová. Professor Jana Talašová, President of the CSOR, pointed out to a long tradition and importance of MME conferences and their role in supporting development of mathematical modelling from both theoretical and practical point of views. After these introductory talks, two regular invited plenary lectures have been delivered. The first one was given by Professor Shinji Mojida (University of Marketing and Distribution Sciences, Kobe, Japan); its title was *Research and Probabilistic Risk Evaluation of Business System Development Projects Based on Requirements Analysis*. The second plenary talk dealt with *Systemic Risk in Finance and Insurance* and the speaker was Professor Tomáš Cipra (Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic). After the plenary session, the programme of the conference was divided into 4 parallel sessions. The total number of presentations was more than 120. All accepted papers are published in the Proceedings of the MME 2017. They are submitted, as in the previous years, for indexing in the Web of Science.

It has been a long tradition that during MME conferences a competition of PhD students for the best paper takes place. This competition is organized and honoured by the CSOR. All papers submitted were peer-reviewed and the papers with positive referee reports were further evaluated by the Programme Committee. 10 best selected papers have been presented at the conference in two special sessions and finally, the evaluation committee decided about the winners. The winner of the competition was Gabrielle Torri (University of Bergamo, Italy) with the paper *Systemic Risk and Community Structure in the European Banking System*.

Organization of the conference was excellent. All sessions including a conference banquet took place in a new campus of the University of Hradec Králové that offers all necessary up-to-date facilities

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for organization of this kind of events. An important part of all conferences is a social programme that always offers many opportunities to discuss various problems in an informal environment. The organizers have prepared 4 options for a half-day tour in the city of Hradec Králové or nearby. After the tour, the conference was officially finished by the conference banquet at which winners of the PhD competition were awarded.

An annual meeting of the CSOR decided that the 36<sup>th</sup> MME conference will be organized in the town of Jindřichův Hradec by the Faculty of Management, University of Economics, Prague, in September 12–14, 2018.