

P R E F A C E

International scientific conference entitled “Contemporary Economic Trends: Technological Development and Challenges of Competitiveness” organized by the Faculty of Economics has been held for the fiftieth time. The aim of the Conference has been to initiate a fruitful debate on various possibilities. The Conference was opened with welcome speech by Professor Tadija Đukić, Dean of the Faculty of Economics. It was our great pleasure and privilege to have guested Pavle Petrović, Professor Emeritus, and the president of the Fiscal Council as well as Duško Pejović, the President and Auditor General of the State Audit Institution. They opened the academic programme of the Conference by giving keynote lectures, trying to answer the main theme of the Conference from different aspects.

This Conference brought together academics from four different countries. The academic programme contained 41 papers with a much greater number of participants. In this conference proceeding, all the papers are published. Considering importance of national economy development issues the international conference, held at the Faculty of Economics, University of Niš, on October 18th, 2019 was divided into three sessions. The first session titled *Contemporary Trends in Global and National Economies and Financial institutions* included 13 papers. Following session covered *Issues of Business Management Environment (with 14 papers)*, and finally the third session involved 14 papers in the field of accounting, information and quantitative methods in economics.

Topics and participants' views were divergent, which exactly contributed to achieving the objective of the Conference - the analysis of all possible contemporary trends in economies, what are the issues of business management environment, and the potential sources of competitiveness at the economy level, using quantitative and qualitative analysis.

The general conclusions of the Conference are that, at the economy level, the focus should be on international trade, monetary and fiscal policy, and, at the enterprise level, on logistic activities, as well as human resources and marketing.

The direct outcomes of the Conference are the proceedings and a special volume of edited book series. The content of the proceedings fully portrays diversity of research interests of contributors. Such variety of thematic areas contributed to flourishing debate that could be of interest to a wider audience. Here, we would like to express our gratitude to all the authors and guests. The editors truly value the authors' support for the Conference and would like to thank all the contributors for the interest they have shown for coming here from near and far to take part in the discussions. The editors would also like to acknowledge financial support by the Republic of Serbia, Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development.

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