

Mathematical Methods in Economics (MME 2016) International Conference¹

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The 34th international conference *Mathematical Methods in Economics* (MME) was held in the city of Liberec since 6th until 9th September 2016. This series of conferences is a traditional meeting of professionals in operations research, econometrics, mathematical economics, and related research areas organized by the *Czech Society for Operations Research* (CSOR), *Czech Econometric Society*, and the local organizing faculty or university. The conference in 2016 was organized by the Faculty of Economics and Faculty of Mechanical Engineering of the Technical University Liberec.

This year's conference *Mathematical Methods in Economics* has been attracted by almost 200 participants from Czech Republic, Slovakia, Egypt, Italy, Lithuania, Poland and Germany. The scientific program started by the plenary session that was introduced by the chair of the organizing committee of the conference and the Dean of the Faculty of Economics Professor Miroslav Žižka. Then, the President of the CSOR, Professor Jana Talašová highlighted a long tradition and importance of MME conferences. Main plenary speaker was Professor Sigitas Vaitkevicius from the Kaunas University of Technology (Lithuania). The title of his talk was *Research Hermeneutics: The Origins of Scientific Knowledge*. After the plenary session the program of the conference was divided into 6 parallel sessions and the total number of presentations was almost 160.

It has been a long tradition that during MME conferences a PhD student's competition for the best paper takes place. This competition is organized and honored by the CSOR. All conference participants enrolled in PhD studies can participate in the competition. This year, the competition was attended by 15 PhD students from 9 Czech, Italian and Polish faculties and research institutions. They presented their papers before the evaluation committee consisting mainly of representatives of the CSOR. The winner of the competition is Martin Dlask from the Faculty of Nuclear Sciences and Physical Engineering of the Czech Technical University in Prague with his paper *Fractional Brownian Bridge as a Tool for Short Time Series Analysis*.

The conference was very well organized in the new campus of the Technical University Liberec that offers excellent facilities for this kind of events. The scientific program was complemented by a social program that is always an opportunity to discuss various problems in an informal environment. Welcome party in the first evening of the conference with live music was organized in the campus of the University. The main social event was half-day tour on the second conference day in the afternoon. There were offered several tour destinations, among them probably the most attractive was visiting of the Jested hill by cable car. After the tour the social program was concluded by gala dinner with awards ceremony of the PhD competition. The dinner took place in a beautiful historical building of the city hall.

¹ More at: <http://mme2016.tul.cz>.

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During the annual meeting of the CSOR it was decided that the 35th MME conference will be organized by the Faculty of Informatics and Management, University of Hradec Králové, as usual in the first half of September next year.