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FROM THE EDITORS

This volume is meant to be the introductory material for the international conference on "Transition to Advanced Market Economies" held in Warsaw on June 22nd - 25th, 1992. It contains more than 140 abstracts and titles of papers announced for presentation at this conference. The proposed papers are authored by persons coming from as many as 27 countries. These numbers indicate the geographical scope of interest in subjects related to economic and political transformations taking place within the post-communist countries, but not only in these ones. In fact, transition towards the advanced market systems constitutes the challenge for quite a portion of the contemporary world.

When speaking of transition in such a broad geographical setting one should first of all have in mind various starting points for such a transition. These starting points are defined not only by the previous level of economic development, but also by the previous structure of economy and society, including the legal system, ownership relations, trade customs, and social culture.

Then there is the problem of terminal state. When looking at the range of existing advanced market systems and their current transformations one realizes that there is no one fixed terminal point, and even more than that - there is probably not just one kind of the "best" transition process, the "optimal transition trajectory".

Whatever the transition trajectory, though, it seems obvious that it should be steered through with the following basic prerequisites in mind:

- political democracy
- free field of private entrepreneurship
- free market
- full access to advanced managerial techniques, as well as product and production technologies.

All these find their reflection in the program of the Conference and in the present volume. In many instances they are seen in the perspective of application of quantitative, mathematical methods of analysis and design, according to the formula of the meeting, which unites economic sciences, operational research and informatics.

We hope that the Conference will be a good form for exchange of ideas and for starting many a cooperative effort aiming at forwarding the concepts for effective and smooth transition. With that thought we offer you this volume as a kind of guidebook through the Conference.

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