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PREFACE

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The first one took place in Kraków (Poland) in 1972, the second in Pugnoscchio (Italy) in 1974.

This conference, like both the previous ones, gathered the leading representatives of many scientific centres from Italy as well as from Poland, representing also the different aspects of the systems analysis applied to the economic, management, data processing and technological systems.

From one part, such meetings enrich the exchange of views and experiences between the specialists from both countries what is the doubtless advantage to both sides. From the second part, the confrontation of the systems and control theory specialists with the econometricians contributes to the essential development of the quantitative analysis and the performance optimization of large economic systems.

The meaning of such meetings, however, goes far beyond, that what is happening during the conference because the established contacts are also fruitful in form of common scientific research works and — “last but not least” — begin the friendly links between the scientists of both countries which last for years.

The proceedings of the conference were divided into three parts;

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2. Systems Theory in Economics.
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