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Introduction

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This edition of the Scientific Journal Economic Problems of Tourism coincides with the 15th anniversary of the creation of the Department of Tourism Management at the Faculty of Management and Economics of Services at Szczecin University. From the perspective of the past years it can be concluded that the scientific and educational achievements of Department members have gained a significant position in both the Polish and the international tourism research community, especially in the economic, management and geographical sciences. A vast number of published scientific books and articles, conducted research, organized conferences and educational projects of Department members goes in line with current scientific research aimed towards the tourism market.

Scientific and research activities of the Tourism Department would not be possible without close cooperation with numerous scientific institutions in Poland and abroad. Using the Department's anniversary as an opportunity, we invited colleagues who conduct tourism research and have cooperated with our Department in the 1999–2014 period to prepare scientific articles for the current issue of the journal. The collection of articles presents a variety of research conducted mainly in the area of tourism industry at Polish and international scientific institutions. This publication constitutes both a summary of current tourism research and a set of directions for future research in tourism economy. It will be a significant scientific publication in the tourism research community.

I would like to thank all the authors for accepting the invitation to prepare a paper for this issue of Scientific Journal Economic Problems of Tourism. I express gratitude to you also for our scientific cooperation which resulted in publications, expertise and conferences. I also invite you to continue our cooperation in new, yet unexplored areas.

At the same time a word of thanks goes to the entire Department's team, both to those currently employed and those who have changed their place of employment, for contribution to the scientific development and educational achievements. I would like to congratulate all of you on your scientific achievements and hope for your further dynamic and rapid academic development.

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