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Preface

This volume presents a collection of selected papers that follow talks and posters presented at the 7th Polish Symposium organized by the Section *Physics in Economy and Social Sciences* (Polish acronym — FENS) of the Polish Physical Society. The Symposium was hosted by the Maria Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin, Poland, 14–17 May 2014. All presented abstracts, posters and presentations are available at the web site <http://fens.ptf.net.pl/program>. We are thankful for the financial support of the Polish Ministry of Science and Higher Education as well as of the Polish Physical Society. The scientific meeting was a successful continuation of previous FENS Symposia that had taken place in Warsaw (2004, 2010), Cracow (2006), Wrocław (2007), Rzeszów (2009), and Gdańsk (2012) (see <http://old.ptf.net.pl/fens/>). Following this long tradition also the last meeting gathered physicists, mathematicians, economists, sociologists and graduate students coming from various Polish Universities and research Institutes, as well as business practitioners. All of us are convinced that one can and should create and explore scientific, inter-, multi-, and transdisciplinary links between methods used in physics — particularly in physics of complex systems, and economical, financial or social phenomena. In fact we are observing that the interest of scientific community in these research areas and their applications is constantly increasing and the terms ‘econophysics’ and ‘sociophysics’ have become well recognized fields of contemporary science. The forthcoming 8th FENS Symposium will possess an international programme and it is scheduled to take place at the University of Rzeszów, Poland, November 4–6, 2015 (<http://science24.com/event/fens2015/>).

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