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Aims and scope

Aims and scope of this journal were determined already in the period of the historical changes that took place in 1989 in the Europe, which had a great meaning for Poland, especially for the subsequent political and economic transformations. The introduction of the democratic system, and the transition from the state-controlled economy to the free market one were the driving forces behind the new Polish economy.

In the early 1990s, Poland made great progress towards achieving a fully democratic government and a market economy. In November 1990, Lech Wałęsa was elected President for a 5-year term. In 1991 were held the first free parliamentary elections. In the same year, 1991, the first issue of the journal was published under the title *Statistical Review of Lower and Opole Silesia*. In the foreword of that first issue it was stated what follows. “The changes in the socio-economic life of Lower Silesia and Opole region caused the Council of Wrocław Branch of Polish Statistical Society to publish Statistical Review of Lower and Opole Silesia, starting from the year 1991. This idea could come to life thanks to the generous help of directors of Voivodeship Statistical Offices in Jelenia Góra, Legnica, Wałbrzych and Wrocław, with a special involvement of the director of Statistical Office in Wrocław”. The initial goal of the founders of the journal was to dedicate the journal to “ecological problems, demographic issues as well as social and economic well-being”.

Starting in the year 2002 the journal has been published with a new layout and under a new title: *Silesian Statistical Review*. Together with *Statistical Review (Przegląd Statystyczny)* and *Statistical News (Wiadomości Statystyczne)*, *Silesian Statistical Review* is now one of the three major journals in Poland dedicated to general statistical problems. Special attention has been focused on general methodological issues, as well as on the applications of various statistical methods in solving real social and economic problems. Papers concerning all topics of quality of life are published regularly. Historical essays are included on regular basis.

After 25 years of the existence, by entering in the next quarter of the century of its existence with the issue of 2016, the main scope of journal is amplified. This is again caused by changes which took place on the

whole planet. In order to meet the challenge mounted by dramatic consequences of human dominance over the planet the scope of journal has been amplified to include any problems concerning the quality of human life, respecting all other forms of lives and not compromising the possibilities for future generations to live their ways of life.

Starting from the year 2016, *Silesian Statistical Review* is considered as a *Journal of Oikometrics*

The name, derived from Greek words *οικος* and *μετρο*, suggests that the journal focus is upon Nature's house (*oikos*), as a subject matter of a study, and the measurement, as a prevailing methodology of study. The journal is treated as an *interdisciplinary forum on a sustainable livelihood*. Contrary to the inscription on the door of Plato's Academy: *let no one ignorant of geometry enter here*, over the door to *Journal of Oikometrics* there is hanged the signboard with the inscription: *Everyone who cares about, and interested in any issue of sustainable livelihood is welcomed here*.

The Journal welcomes therefore papers from specialists in sustainability science, ecology, ecological economics and any other alternatives to neoclassical economics. It encompasses – but is not limited to – the following topics:

- actuarial methods and their applications,
- social justice, inequality, polarization, and stratification,
- quality of institutional performance,
- social metabolism, its measurement and analysis,
- statistical education,
- sustainable development,
- environmentalism.

As the official journal of the Polish Statistical Society, Branch in Wrocław, it is designed also to attract papers that have direct relation with the activity of the Society, particularly in the field of education, promotion and rising awareness of the statistics role in the civilization development.

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