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FOREWORD

Welcome to the 12th IGWT Symposium "Quality for the XXIst Century" organized by the Faculty of Commodity Science of the Poznań University of Economics and the Administration Faculty of the Gdynia Maritime University, the last IGWT Symposium in the XXth century and 2nd millenium, in the 73rd year of commodity science university level education in the Poznań University of Economics. It is being held at the time scheduled traditionally for the International Commodity Science Conference of Commodity Science Faculty in Poznań and it will be the second IGWT Symposium organized in Poland.

Both organizing Faculties are in the course of vivid development - the Faculty in Poznań is the only one in our country having the full academic rights, we have succeeded in expanding our laboratories, what has allowed us to almost triple the number of students in the last two years, the Faculty in Gdynia has got recently the right to confer the Ph.D. in commodity science, what means further expansion of teaching and research.

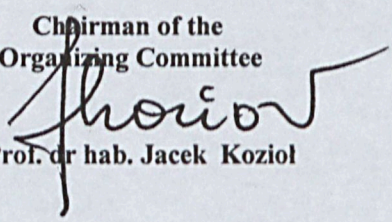
The response to the circulars inviting to the 12th IGWT Symposium mailed all over the world exceeded our expectations giving more than 220 submitted contributions. We are very proud that with the help of the International Programme Committee we have succeeded in organizing some kind of peer review and that the evaluation has confirmed high scientific level of practically all papers. We are very glad that owing to cooperation of many of you it was possible to attract from all over the world scientists and experts in fields dealing with quality, among them the members of the International Academy for Quality.

We have decided to follow the tradition of IGWT Symposia held in two sites allowing us to present the participants our facilities and to show quite a deal of one of the most picturesque parts of Poland. We do hope that you will find this Symposium interesting and profitable in exchanging ideas and starting new contacts and joint international cooperation projects in teaching and reasearch.

Thanking you heartily for coming to the 12th IGWT Symposium I wish you an enjoyable stay in our country.

Yours sincerely

Chairman of the
Organizing Committee



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