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FOREWARD

Welcome to the 9th International Commodity Science Conference „Current Trends in Commodity Science" (9th IComSC'07) organized traditionally by the Faculty of Commodity Science of Poznań University of Economics. For the second time our Conference is organized as the IGWT Symposium series.

Since 1992, the Faculty of Commodity Science has been the first faculty among Polish universities having the full academic rights in the field of Commodity Science including the rights to award the degrees of Doctor, Doctor Habilitatus and to promote professorships (scientific title). During academic year 2006/2007 the Faculty of Commodity Science of Poznań University of Economics has been granted university accreditation, state accreditation and Wielkopolska Province Quality Award. It has also been recommended to sustain ISO 9001 certificate after the re-certification audit. The self-assessment, which has been conducted prior to peer-review process in order to get university accreditation made the Faculty change its quality strategy. New vision, mission and quality policy have been established and remain the main source of quality goals within quality management system.

The scientific topic of the present Conference is related to the current trends in the field commodity science and quality problems. The response on to the circulars inviting to the 9th International Commodity Science Conference exceeded our expectations. All submitted contributions were reviewing and after selection 206 of them were qualified by the Scientific Committee of the Symposium to be published in the Conference Proceedings. All published papers will presented during the Conference. The scientific problems presented in the papers were divided into five groups including the following subjects: General Quality Problems, Product and Quality Management, Quality of Industrial Products, Quality and Safety of Food and Products Ecology.

We do hope that you will find this Conference interesting and profitable in exchanging ideas and starting new personal contacts leading to joint international cooperation projects in teaching and research.

Thanking you heartily for coming to the 9th IComSC'07 we wish you a very enjoyable stay in our city during the Conference.

Sincerely yours

Chairman of the Organizing Committee

Prof. Dr. Ryszard Cierpiszewski