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Editorial

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Issues discussed in papers presented in volume 16(3) of *Economic and Environmental Studies* focus mostly on including environmental aspects and principles of sustainable development in different business activities as well as choices made by households.

In the first paper, Lukáš Vartiak presents and compares selected environmental excellence models. The key conclusion is underlining the need of further research aimed at developing an integrated environmental excellence model consisting of the most important criteria. Arkadiusz Guźda and Norbert Szmolke in the second paper evaluate various types of heat source used for heating and ventilation in a typical singlefamily house, and present the ecological analysis of the proposed solutions according to The National Centre for Emissions Management (KOBiZE) standards. Piotr Czembrowski focuses on the role played by urban green spaces in sustainable cities, and presents and discusses findings of three hedonic pricing researches that have been conducted in Łódź.

Sustainable development of agricultural holdings is the main topic of paper written by Wioletta Wrzaszcz and Józef St. Zegar. The author elaborates challenges resulted from agriculture holdings in terms of negative externalities of agricultural production. The next paper is dedicated to more technical topic related to environmental issues. Justyna Kuterasińska and Anna Król analyse features of new

types of low-carbon cements which results from attempts made by the cement industry to contribute to sustainable development.

Arsim Gjinovci discusses significant problems of nepotism and corruption, and presents an adverse impact these two phenomena have on the economy and the society in case of Serbia. In turn, Adewale Olufunlola Yoade studies the influence of choices of living places made by residents of Ile-Ife in Nigeria on different aspects of living conditions, such as access to water, adequate security, socio-cultural activities etc. In conclusion, the author stated that each category of district studied in the paper was characterised by different set of determinants of households' preferences.

An interesting consideration is presented in the paper of Andrzej Strzałkowski. The author underlines the meaning of social sciences, especially sociology and psychology, for the discourse on climate change and sustainable development.

Gerda van Roozendaal and Hebe Verrest describes selected challenges of CSR of oil and gas companies in Trinidad and Tobago. The authors point out the problem of isolation between CSR activities and the public policy. The last paper focuses again on reducing negative environmental impacts. Monika Pawlita-Posmyk and Małgorzata Wzorek analyse domestic sewage treatment systems in Poland and consider domestic biological sewage treatment plants an economical, modern, cheap and safe solution.