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Foreword

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The title of the conference was Managing Geostrategic Issues. The rise of the BRICS countries, as well as the rise of many other developing countries, creates new opportunities and challenges for the international community. New opportunities emerge for the new generation of entrepreneurs and innovators from both developed and developing parts of the world. New challenges relate to the issues of energy and climate change, international trade and finance, the future role of international institutions, such as the WTO. New challenges also relate to the rise of populism in many parts of the world as well as to the continuous rise of inequality within many developed and developing countries.

We would like to extend sincere appreciation to all the participants and presenters for their contributions and participation. This year we received 117 submissions and selected the best 87 papers, and the total number of participants reached 110. After the conference authors were invited to submit their full papers to the MIC 2019 Conference Proceedings. All the received papers have gone through a double-blind peer review process.

We are glad that a substantial number of papers presented at the MIC 2019 conference were published in the MIC supporting journals:

- *Academica Turistica – Tourism and Innovation Journal*
- *Economic and Social Changes: Facts, Trends, Forecast*
- *Economic Research/Ekonomska istraživanja*
- *Human Systems Management*
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- *Management*
- *Management and Production Review*
- *Managing Global Transitions*
- *Review of Innovation and Competitiveness*

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