

PREFACE

Continuation of co-operation between Polish and Hungarian geographers in the last decade realisation of similar aims under the new geopolitical and economic conditions. The research and the comparison of social and economical processes appearing in Poland and Hungary is one of the most interesting question and it will be very important scientific aim also in the future.

This volume includes seven studies of the XIII. Polish-Hungarian Geographical Seminar organised by the Alföld Institute-Kecskemét Centre for Regional Studies in Tokaj, 26–30 September, 2002. The Polish delegation of six researchers, working for the Institute of Geography and Spatial Organization Polish Academy of Sciences (Prof. Dr. hab. Grzegorz Weclawowitz, Dr. hab. Jerzy Bański, Dr. Bożena Degórska, Dr. Tomasz Komornicki, Dr. Mariusz Kowalski, Mgr. Dariusz Swiatek) The Hungarian delegation of nine researchers, working for Centre for Regional Studies (Prof. Dr. Gyula Horváth, Gadócziné Dr. Éva Fekete, Dr. Bálint Csatári, Dr. Tamás Baukó, Dr. Zoltán Gál, Dr. Gábor Nagy, Tünde Magyar, András Donát Kovács) The three days professional program was completed by a study trip to Zemplén mountains, Sárospatak, Castle of Füzér, Telkibánya and Tokaj.

The topic of seminar was the comparison and analysis of socio-economical processes and finds the analogies and differences in the general regional and urban-rural transformation of Poland and Hungary. The majority of the lectures dealt with problems on the country level, but some study based on regional investigation.

This volume is published with the hope that it can promote a better understanding of the new aspects of regional transformation and the urban-rural relationship in our regions, and we hope that Polish and Hungarian geographers and other regional researchers would be able to continue the collaboration in the future.

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