

## **FENStatS Member Societies**

Dear Colleagues,

We celebrate European Statistics Day on 20 October 2017. On this occasion we would like to quote the words of Károly Keleti, the first President of the Hungarian Statistical Office, at the same time commemorating the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his decease. His words are valid also today.

Károly Keleti expressed his opinion on the significance and role of the Hungarian statistics in numerous of his writings. He was convinced that Hungarian statistics should cooperate with the related national and international organisations, and it must contribute actively to the development of the statistics as science and its expansion (namely, “to enhance the statistical culture”). Statistics’ responsibility – since time immemorial – are to provide reliable and objective information on economics and society and making them available for users in order to support their decisions.

In these decades, when we go through information-boom, it is more complicated to know one’s way round among the data. It is not an easy task to choose the proper data sources, as well as the rapid processing of data and communicating the results. All of these require stronger statistical knowledge, hence the development of statistical culture is inevitable. European Statistics Day draws the attention to all the above mentioned challenges, and we call all statistical actors to cooperate in order to meet these demands and challenges.

Budapest, 20 October 2017.



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