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As a kind of post scriptum to the above note by Professor J. Kordos (Founder Editor), it seems worth mentioning that since the end of 2007 the Journal has been edited by a new Editor-in-Chief, with the help of also then newly appointed staff of the Editorial Office and with the support of the Editorial Board. Some innovations that have been introduced over that period seems to be worthwhile mentioning.

Responding to growing interest in public statistics, a new section devoted to *Current Issues in Public Statistics* was established in order to report on key issues related to the functioning of official statistics internationally, on subject matters that gain increasing importance in a country's data system and are appealing to community of producers and users of statistics, as well as to other parties concerned about the overall quality of public data, including policy makers and practitioners. It is noteworthy that it was commenced by addressing one of the issues of the most quintessential and vital problem in public statistics that concerns data access while protecting individual entities' data file against disclosure for non-statistical purposes, following the letter of the Polish Statistical Association on reported accidents of breaching the principle of statistical confidentiality.

In 2010 Professor Vijaj Verma of the University of Siena, who visited Warsaw on the occasion of international conference on EU-SILC, submitted a proposal to introduce a Journal's new section on *Comparative Surveys*. The idea, which also was supported by Professor Kordos, was to stress the fact that growing demand for a more systematic presentation of huge works being done in the area of multi-population surveys might be seen as a new hallmark for the contents of the term 'statistics in transition'. Professor Verma kindly accepted to serve as a co-editor of this section. The papers included in this section are supposed to discuss issues relating to the meaning, generation and use of comparable data, cross countries, regions, sub- or super-populations or time. We encourage our collaborators and potential authors to submit such papers.

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