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PREFACE

Dear ladies and gentleman,

I have the honor to open the 11th run of the International Scientific Conference “People, Buildings and Environment”. In 2014, this conference is held under the auspices of three European universities – Brno University of Technology, the Faculty of Civil Engineering, Riga Technical University, the Faculty of Civil Engineering and Mendel University in Brno, the Faculty of Forestry and Wood Technology.

Allow me to cordially invite you to discuss our permanent topics of research – Construction Economics and Management, Water Management and Water Structures, Landscape Management and University Teaching and Learning of Civil Engineering. The participation of domestic and foreign eminent personalities ensures that their extensive knowledge and experience will enrich all conference participants with new knowledge and contribute to a high professional standard of the conference.

Our experience in recent years has led us to establishment of a new separate section for young beginning scientists – the PhD forum. I wish our young colleagues much success in their research and conclusions of their PhD theses. The conference provides them with a possibility to present their partial research results and obtain feedback and inspiration for other colleagues.

The conference “People, Building and Environment” could not take place without the all year round generous help of many people. In particular, I very much appreciate the hard work and dedication of the scientific committee, without whom it would be impossible to do more than 240 reviews of the papers. I want to give my thanks, as in previous years, to the main coordinator Tomáš Hanák and the entire conference staff. It has been great to work with them, and their effort has made this conference possible. Thanks also to the authors of papers.

I wish all participants a pleasant stay at this year's conference, which takes place in these beautiful premises in Kroměříž. I am convinced that mutual cooperation and communication as well as sharing experience and new knowledge can enrich all of us.

I hope you will enjoy the conference!

Jana Korytárová