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PREFACE

This volume contains selected and refereed papers on applied statistics from two international conferences: on Applied Statistics held in Preddvor from September 15 to 17, 1997, and on Methodology and Statistics held in Preddvor from September 7 to 9, 1998. The papers on survey methodology presented at these conferences are published in another issue of the series Metodološki zvezki (15). The conferences were organized under the sponsorship of the Statistical Society of Slovenia. The contributions to this volume are clustered into four sections. The invited lecture by John O'Quigley and Ronghui Xu is followed by the sections on data analysis, statistics, and applications.

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