FOREWORD

This volume contains lectures given at the conference of the IALE Working Group „Landscape System Analysis in Environmental Management”. The conference took place in Pultusk between the 5th and 8th October, 1999. It was organized by the Pultusk School of Humanities, the Faculty of Geography and Regional Studies of Warsaw University, and the Polish Association for Landscape Ecology.

This Conference was a continuation of two international meetings of IALE Working Group which were organized in Poland in 1993 and 1996. The first one on „Landscape Research and Its Application in Environmental Management” resulted in the publication under the same title, issued by the Faculty of Geography and Regional Studies at Warsaw University in 1994. Papers submitted to the organizers of the second conference on „Landscape Transformation in Europe” were also published by the Faculty of Geography and Regional Studies, Warsaw University in 1998.

Conference held in 1999 gathered representatives of 16 countries. It was an occasion for exchanging experience and comparing various solutions in the different parts of Europe and also in some extra-European countries. The Conference was followed by a two-day excursion to the Wigry National Park. During this excursion the results of studies carried out within a new plan of park protection have been presented.

The present volume is the sixth consecutive volume of series entitled „The Problems of Landscape Ecology”. This series was started in 1996 and consist of publications in both Polish and foreign languages.

Editors express the hope that this volume will contribute to further promotion of the integrated studies on natural environment and closer contacts of all scientists dealing with relationship between human being and his environment.

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