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King Abdul Aziz University had the honor to organize the First International Conference on Islamic Economics in Makkah Al-Mukarramah during the period 21st and 26th Safar 1396 corresponding to 21st to 26th February 1976. One of its recommendations was the establishment of the Islamic Economics Research Centre by mid 1397 / 1977. Since that time the movement of Islamic Economics started. This was followed by six consecutive international conferences, the last of which was the Sixth International Conference on Islamic Economics held in Jakarta, Indonesia in 2005.

Today, the honor comes back to King Abdul Aziz University represented by the Islamic Economics Research Centre to organize the Seventh International Conference on Islamic Economics in collaboration with the Islamic Development Bank and the International Association for Islamic Economics during the period 24th to 26th Rabie Awal 1429 corresponding to 1st to 3rd April 2008 in the Ceremonial and Conference Centre of the University under the Title: "Thirty Years of Research in Islamic economics: Solutions and applications for Contemporary Economic Issues".

On this occasion, the Academic Committee of the Conference requested some eminent Muslim economists to assess research in Islamic Economics by writing papers on: Obstacles to Economic Research in Islamic Economics, Duality of Sources in Islamic Economics and its Methodological Consequences, Achievement of Previous International conferences on Islamic Economics, etc.. This is in addition to a paper by the Centre entitled: "A Proposed Strategic Vision for Future Research in Islamic Economics".

The Academic Committee also called for papers on thirteen different research topics with the objective of rationalizing and developing research in Islamic Economics. It received over two hundred papers, out of which thirty were selected. The selected papers were received from researchers within the Kingdom and from other countries such as: Algeria, Jordan, Sudan, Lebanon, Australia, India, Pakistan, Malaysia, UK, USA, etc.

We hope that this Collection constitute an addition to the Library of Islamic Economics and contribute in assessing the movement of Islamic Economics during the last thirty years.

The Islamic Economics Research Centre takes this opportunity to thank all those who participated in this Conference and in the preparations for it.

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