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Preface

This is the first of two special issues of *Mathematical Methods in Economics and Finance* devoted to the *International Conference MAF 2008 – Mathematical and Statistical Methods for Actuarial Sciences and Finance* held in Venice (Italy) from March 26 to 28, 2008.

The conference has been the first international edition of a biennial national series begun at 2004, which was born by a brilliant belief of the colleagues – and friends – of the Department of Economics and Statistical Sciences of the University of Salerno: the idea following which the cooperation between mathematicians and statisticians in working in actuarial sciences, in insurance and in finance can improve research on these topics. The proof of the goodness of this belief has consisted in the wide participation to these events.

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