Dear readers,

it is a pleasure for me to introduce the first issue of our periodical SCIENCE & MILITARY to you. Although it is a new journal, it was not "built on a green meadow". It follows up more than 30 years of history of proceedings that have been regularly published on our academic field since 1976. The original Anthology of Military Technical University in Liptovský Mikuláš originated from the necessity to create the journal that would be the platform for presentation science and specialized articles of teachers, science workers and postgraduates above all from Military Technical University.

The changes of the social and political environment and also the transition that our school went through in past years rose the request for the modification of this periodical. However, the brand new name and form is not the only important innovation. Our aim is to publish attractive and high-class science articles dealing with military topics that would be available for broad professional public here and also abroad. The way of realization of this aim goes through publication of high-quality articles in English. SCIENCE & MILITARY wants to create the space for Slovak and foreign authors dealing with basic and applied research in the armament and equipment of the armed forces, communications and information systems, military logistics, economy and management of defense sources and management of human sources, national and international security, but also in others areas, that directly or off line cohere with the warfare. Intentional thematic heterogeneity of the first issue proves that this area is really widespread. Our journal will also publish announcements of major conferences and seminars from areas, that cohere with geared hereof periodic. We intend to publish also monothematic issues, that will present scientific outcomes from these events.

In this introductory issue we granted special space for two personalities of science. One of them is long-time member of previous editorial board and former rector of Military Technical University Dr.h..c. prof. Ing. Vladimír Janeček, DrSc. Another one is prof. RNDr. Anatolij Dvurečenskij, DrSc., member of the new editorial board, head of the Mathematical Institute of the Slovak Academy of Sciences who was awarded the prestigious prize "The Scientist of the Year 2005" in the Slovak Republic.

In the name of editorial board I would like to wish SCIENCE & MILITARY great contributions, readers' interest and favourable response.

assoc. prof. RNDr. Mária Jurečková, Ph.D. Chairman of the Editorial Board