



**Dear readers,**

*Let me talk to you for the first time as a new chairman of the editorial board. I was appointed to this position in January 2013 after personnel changes had taken place in the Armed Forces Academy. I would like to thank the former chairman of the editorial board Prof. Dipl. Eng. Pavel Nečas, PhD. for his active and creative work he devoted to making the journal Science & Military.*

*Every editor naturally wants his or her journal to be one of the best, to be respected by other authors and to be registered periodically in international databases. Developing a new scientific journal, establishing its position at the national level and its acceptance at the international level is a long-standing process. We realize that it is not possible to make a quality scientific journal in a few days and that is why we try to improve our journal continually so that our readers can look forward to its next publication.*

*This year is not the exception. In 2013, the journal has undergone and it is still about to undergo several changes. We hope that these changes will be positive and that they will lead to improvement of our outcomes, but also the dynamics of the reviewing process.*

*In January 2013, the editorial board was complemented by other important members. At the same time, the editorial board was divided into two sections according to their specialization – the security, humanities and social sciences section and the engineering and computer science section.*

*The Science & Military Journal will be monothematic in the two fields of expertise, so I expect improvement of the output. The journal's main focus on application warfare will remain the same. The Science & Military Journal will be published biannually.*

*However, the main long-term goal of the editorial office is to include the journal in the ISI Current Contents databases. We realise that achieving the goal is only possible with joint effort because a good journal is neither the result of work of the editorial board, nor the editor. A good journal is represented by good articles that address the scientific community, but also the general public and provoke discussion.*

*Dear authors and readers, the quality and expertise of the journal Science & Military is in your hands. Your creative work and dedication can guarantee our journal a long perspective.*

*On behalf of the editorial board, I wish the journal Science & Military many good science articles, readers' interest and a positive feedback from professionals.*

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He received the MSc. degree in electrical engineering from the Faculty of Electrical Engineering, Slovak Technical University in Bratislava in 1983. In 1997 he successfully finished his PhD. studies in artificial intelligence. From 1983 to 1989 he worked as a research engineer at the Military Research Institute in Liptovský Mikuláš. In 1989 he joined the Armed Forces and since then he has worked in various teaching and managerial positions at the Department of Informatics. During his university career from 2004 to 2012 he led the Department of Informatics. Currently he is in the position of Vice Rector for Science of the Armed Forces Academy of General Milan Rastislav Štefánik, Liptovský Mikuláš, Slovakia.

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