

Dear readers,

Let me introduce another issue of the journal *Science & Military*, which is published at Christmas time. Christmas is the time when we can stop for a while, look back at all we have done this year and make plans for the upcoming year.

I am pleased to say that our journal is becoming more and more popular with its readers, which also has a positive effect on the quality of articles submitted for publication. In the past year, the journal has fulfilled its task as it has given space for publishing articles written by Slovak and foreign writers who focus on the research in the field of armament and military technologies, communication and information systems, military logistics, economics, management, national and international security and other areas of military science.

One of the successful innovations that the editorial board has done this year is publication of a monothematic issue *Science & Military* 01/2016, which presented new sophisticated technologies and the results in the field of communication and information technologies and their application in research, training and education with focus on military applications.

What are the plans of the editorial board for the future? Besides common requirements regarding continuous improvement of the journal's quality in terms of its content and specialisation, we have set a very demanding goal for the upcoming years, which is to increase the journal's impact factor by indexing *Science & Military* into SCOPUS database and the Current Contents Connect (ISI) database.

A very important criterion for including the journal into the SCOPUS database is its high quality which is evaluated from two points of view. The first is authorities, which is the publisher's reputation, diversity of writers and structure of an editorial board. The second viewpoint is the journal's popularity and availability, e. i. the number of its citations in the SCOPUS database. We have to focus mainly on increased citations of our authors. Therefore, we need to have enough high-quality scientific articles written by Slovak and foreign authors. A quality journal means particularly high-quality articles.

Dear readers, this issue also offers interesting articles that have been successfully reviewed. They are monothematic and they focus on humanities, security science and management. I am convinced that they will inspire you and make you think about and discuss the presented issues.

The first article, written by Zoltán Jobbágy and Judit Stummer titled "National Defence as Course in the Institutes of Hungarian Higher Education" provides the reader with a short overview about the course's legal background and introduces major findings of an empirical scientific research.

The next article titled "Autonomy, a Threat or an Opportunity?" written by Alexander

Ostenda is an attempt to provide an answer to a question whether the actions on behalf of obtaining autonomy for Upper Silesia by members of the Silesian Autonomy Movement (SAM) are a threat to or an opportunity for the Republic of Poland (RP).

The article titled "Some Results of Current Exploration Perception of Culture in Organizations" written by Marek Čandík and Petr Jedinák presents some results of the research, which was realized in 2015 and involved 502 respondents. The research was focused on perception of culture in organizations and the aim of the research was to identify the differences between perception of organizations culture depending on sex and education.

The article written by Ireneusz Teodor Dziubek and Bogumila Pawlaczyk titled "IT Support of Commandership and Crisis Management" deals with the issue of IT support of commandership and crisis management. Information has become one of the basic elements connected with civilization changes, especially because of rapid IT development.

Another article was written by Miroslav Bansik titled „Russia's Hybrid War” presents itself an attempt of assessment theory and practice of hybrid warfare exploited by the Russian Federation (RF). It presents the conclusions resulting from the National Security Strategy and the military doctrine. It sums up the methods and solutions of the armed forces RF as well as forecasts their role in reaching future political goals.

The next article titled "Strategic Management Within the Realms of the Police Related Organisation" written by Jacek Dworzecki and Dominik Hryszkiewicz regards the concept of strategic management which is analysed through the prism of the implementation of its fundamental assumptions in the current operation of the police related organisations. In addition, it describes principles concerning improvement of the quality assurance system of managing a police related organisation.

The final article by Bernard Wisniewski and Barbara Kaczmarczyk titled "Security of the State, How to Provide It?" displays new findings and recommendations in the field of state security. In view of the fact that nowadays there are many threats, it is necessary to build the internally and externally safe environment. It is also essential to search for new solutions thanks to which it will be possible to resist threats and minimise the effects of their occurrence.

Dear readers, on my behalf and on behalf of the editorial board, I would like to wish you all the best for the coming year 2017 and thank you for your readers' interest and quality articles.

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