

Editorial

Dear readers,

It is my great honour and pleasure to be appointed as the new Editor-in-Chief of Strategos – the Scientific Journal of the Dr. Franjo Tuđman Croatian Defence Academy. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Croatian Defence Academy for publishing this journal and entrusting me with this important responsibility. Since 2016, this journal has under this name been published continuously. We would like to thank the authors who published their papers, the previous members of the Editorial Board who collaborated competently and conscientiously on the material's preparation, as well as the reviewers who assisted in selecting valuable papers, and, of course, the previous Editor-in-Chief and responsible editors. I want to take this opportunity to thank Colonel Valentina Ključarić, Ph.D., my immediate predecessor, for successfully running the editorial office and selecting and publishing the journal's articles in earlier issues. She edited the journal from 2019 to the present. For me, editing a scientific journal is a huge duty as well as a formidable challenge.

The position of Editor-in-Chief of a scientific journal is a highly demanding and responsible duty. The responsibility does not only refer to the tasks of editing the journal's contents, determining the rules for authors who submit papers to the journal, and ensuring the timely and thorough review of received papers, but it also represents a great responsibility towards the journal's readers. Their needs and interests must be monitored, but criticism should also be expected. The editor must, of course, improve the journal's quality and plan its future, particularly with regard to its international recognition and visibility. All these requirements and responsibilities oblige us to be ready for intensive, systematic and long-term work, as this is the only way to ensure journal's continuous publication and increase its quality.

In front of you is the new issue of the Strategos Scientific Journal and the first one in 2022. This issue, Vol 6 No 1, is published with some delay due to

technical challenges that the editors have faced this year. The already known challenges in the form of Covid-19 and the consequences of the earthquake have been further complicated by the relocation and assignment of members of the editorial staff to new locations due to construction works on the post-earthquake rehabilitation of buildings within the Croatian Defence Academy. In addition to these challenges, there has been a change in the Editor-in-Chief of the journal and a change in some of the members of the editorial board.

Despite this, we have managed to prepare the first issue of this year with several papers that in the review process proved to be very valuable in the scientific contribution to the field of military-defence and security-intelligence science and art, as well as to the development of this field in the Republic of Croatia.

I believe that this issue will also meet the interest of the scientific and professional public.

Allow me to briefly introduce myself.

My primary teaching, scientific and professional activities are in the areas of defence resources management, management and development of the defence capabilities, defence planning and international defence cooperation. I gained professional work experience in production organizations, military units and administrative organizations in the civil and military sectors. I completed several professional trainings and specializations in the field of defence and national security in scientific and educational institutions abroad, as well as in a number of other specialist courses and seminars. I held a number of responsible managerial positions in the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Croatia and had a leading role or worked as an expert in various expert groups on the development of strategic documents in the field of defence and security. After assuming the role of Editor-in-Chief, I decided to introduce some novelties and changes in the journal, primarily concerning the website and how the journal is presented to the scientific, professional, and interested public.

In addition to previous associates, the Editorial Board of the journal includes new colleagues or those who have changed roles with the goal of refreshing the approach and providing originality and new ideas. When choosing assistants

of the Editor-in-Chief, I was guided by the fact that the editorial staff should include colleagues from various scientific fields in order to cover the broadest possible range of scientific research. The scientific field of military-defence and security-intelligence science and art is inextricably linked with all other scientific and professional fields. The ambition and considerable challenge is to improve and raise the quality of the journal in the coming period, and consequently to be listed into a higher scientific category.

Selected Editorial Board members who have previously published papers in this journal are eager to contribute to the journal's continued growth and recognition. They help the journal by encouraging their colleagues to publish the findings of their scientific studies, as well as their invaluable expertise and experience, in the Strategos journal, which is of great assistance to the Editor.

The role of the Publishing Advisory Board is especially important in increasing the journal's international recognition in the coming period. Former Editors-in-Chief of the journal are particularly indispensable in this case, as they can help improve the journal through advice and active participation. The same is true for the International Advisory Board members. Until now, those included have been eminent representatives of foreign scientific and research institutions, as well as military colleges as part of the international research and educational military defence family.

As the only scientific journal in the Republic of Croatia that covers the military, defence, and security intelligence fields, promoting and enhancing the journal's quality and recognition is a huge duty and challenge for every Editor-in-Chief. First and foremost, engaging scientific and professional articles are required for the achievement of this objective. Additionally, the productive collaboration of the Editorial Board, Advisory Board, reviewers, authors, and readers is valuable.

Strategos is still developing its reputation, therefore it is crucial to motivate and encourage as many authors from the surrounding area as possible to publish their papers even more frequently in this journal. Therefore, it is necessary to keep working on it and to increase the number of international authors and reviewers, which will undoubtedly contribute to the journal's recognition and success.

My intention as Editor-in-Chief is to continue improving the journal's quality and increasing its impact factor, while also enhancing collaboration between scientific institutions and the economy. It is particularly related to development of the cooperation with industry and manufacturing companies of the military and dual-use products through a triple helix model of the triple spiral of innovation. This refers to a set of interactions between academia (universities), industry, and government in order to stimulate economic and social development, as described by concepts such as the knowledge economy and the knowledge society. The path to success is made possible by connecting scientists engaged in research and development with experiences and knowledge of specialized military and defence industry engineers. The publication of papers co-authored by both parties promises the type of collaboration that can be established as the first. To keep the journal's content current, new trends in national and international defence and security should be constantly monitored, which will attract new readers, particularly through the web environment.

I would like to thank all authors in advance for choosing the Strategos journal as a venue for disseminating and presenting their research findings, experiences, and knowledge in all areas of defence and security. To achieve all of the journal's development goals, especially in the highly dynamic field of defence and security, which is constantly confronted with new challenges, there is unfortunately no simple solution, but there is hard, systematic, and long-term work. On this occasion, I would like to invite everyone involved in national and international defence and security to support the Strategos journal in the coming period.

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