

## A word from the editors

*Dear readers,*

*The new issue of Strategos Journal is in front of you. Despite a series of challenges, this year's first edition was prepared on time and in the desired quality. Each editor and editorial board of a scientific journal faces different challenges. The first place is the quality of the scientific articles that the authors, as a result of their scientific and research work, offer to the professional public through scientific journals.*

*Another challenge is to get competent scientists as reviewers who, in addition to their regular duties, have the time and willingness to devote themselves to considering the scientific papers offered. An interdisciplinary scientific journal such as Strategos, when it accepts a certain paper for review, regularly faces the challenge of finding reviewers. In the end, we succeeded in that this time too.*

*In this edition, you will find six new and interesting papers, two of which were evaluated by very competent reviewers and included in the very high category of original scientific papers.*

*The first paper, "Examining the opportunities and potential of Artificial Intelligence in national security and defense", is the result of research conducted by Dr. Smiljanić in the very challenging and current field of artificial intelligence, presenting innovative technologies that are rapidly developing in various areas of human life and business. Thus, new and innovative technologies have an impact in the field of national security and defense as well. Here, the author discusses the challenges posed by artificial intelligence.*

*Dr. Ščavničar offered a paper entitled "Streamlining the delivery of military education through the distance learning method", which was highly rated by*

*the reviewers as an original scientific paper that writes about military training with a special emphasis on e-Learning as a tool that came to the fore during the COVID-19 pandemic. The paper deals with the profitability of the application of e-Learning, i.e. electronic learning as a type of learning in which computer technology and electronic media are used for the purpose of improving the quality of learning. They are a fast, reliable and effective way of teaching.*

*Another original scientific work "Use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles In Support Of Artillery Operations" is the result of joint efforts of three authors Bartulović, Trzun, and Hojić. The original and key author and creator of the idea is Cadet Bartulović, a fifth-year graduate student of the 16 class at the Croatian Military Academy. The paper presents another current and contemporary topic on the application of unmanned aerial vehicles in artillery with an emphasis on application in the Croatian Army through the analysis of hypotheses as a valuable cost-effective support in modern conflicts and the timeliness of application. Professors Trzun and Hojić, with their experience and competences, had the role of professional guidance and definition of the scientific approach to work.*

*With her expert work on the topic "The Role Of The "Rudolf Perešin" Training Center In The Military And Defense Segment", the author Boltužić from the Croatian Air Force excellently presented the training of officers and non-commissioned officers of the Croatian Air Force through lifelong education. This type of education aims to gain knowledge and skills in order to achieve high training for working on military material assets. With her work, the author wants to emphasize the importance of the training of active military personnel, which is significantly different from the models applied in civil society.*

*In his second paper in this issue entitled "Artificial intelligence - goal, method or means of strategic competition?", dr. Smiljanić discusses artificial intelligence and gives an overview of how the USA, Russia and China are the leading nations in its development. The author examines the factors motivating the global pursuit of artificial intelligence development and discusses the opportunities and risks associated with the proliferation of AI technology in international politics.*

*At the end, dr. Brkić's offers paper on the topic "Availability of geomagnetic information". This paper discusses the public availability and regulation of Earth's magnetic field data. The author proposes geomagnetic information to be declared publicly available after its reliability drops to that of the currently best publicly available global geomagnetic model. In this way and the set criterion, monitoring and prediction of the unreliability of the current geomagnetic information model suggests the period of reliability of the original geomagnetic information.*

*Finally, the editorial board recommends the published works with the belief that these works will also find their readers and serve as motivation for other authors to contact us with their research and author's products.*

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