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Introduction

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INTRODUCTION

Security is a phenomenon, which applies to numerous areas of human existence. It is one of the most important human needs and in our times becomes of great importance for humanities and social studies. It is important to rediscover this phenomenon and to keep discussing ways of providing security and avoiding and fighting danger. Scientific discussions of the subject of security require holistic approach. The new issue of our periodical presents interdisciplinarity of security studies. Twenty-eight papers covers following subjects: state security, legal security, theory of security, social and cultural security, sport, economy and law, and international security.

International security of European Union, Ukraine and Russia, which is now a subject of wide discussion is not indifferent for us as well. In accordance with our policy, we publish no less than one article in the journal in other congress language to promote international security researches. In this volume you may find two articles in Russian language and one in Italian language. The issue includes also one reportage written by an Italian researcher, who visited Ukraine in May 2014.

We wish our journal to be a platform of conference report, where we are going to publish information about international conferences organized by our Academy in cooperation with prominent research centers from Poland and abroad. This time we publish a report from the annual International Scientific Conference *Self-Improvement and*

Security, which was held in Cracow on 8th May, 2014.

We make every effort to improve the periodical constantly, trying to make it be an international forum for discussing security issues. We care for its professional level diligently and believe in its ongoing development. The proof for this development is rising amount of points in journal evaluation. Unfortunately the annual evaluation conducted by Polish Ministry of Science and Higher Education was unexpectedly canceled this year. We join the group of publishers, who express their dissatisfaction and disappointment with this fact, since this cancelation wasn't announced early enough. However this year we were awarded 5,91 points by Index Copernicus International. I wish to thank all associates for their support. We all devoted a lot of attention to improve this journal, and so we have to appreciate all of our fellow-workers and demonstrate the result of our effort, i.e. growing number of evaluation points:

	IC Value	MNiSW
2011	2,44	4
2012	5,13	6
2013	5,91	no evaluation

I recommend this new volume with confidence to all readers interested in security issues. I invite all Authors to further cooperation with our journal, hoping we will be working on the ongoing development of security studies together.

Editor-in-Chief

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