## **FOREWORD**



The terms "security", "security administration" and "security sciences" can be viewed and understood through many prisms. However, their importance has a common core, which is people. In the first case, we have in mind those whose safe functioning should be sought. In the second case those who care for it. And in the third case, those who, by virtue of their interests, have devoted themselves to the study of security from a systemic point of view. During my service, on many occasions I managed to meet both security practitioners and theoreticians. I also had the opportunity to discuss with those who, by virtue of their professions, were both practitioners and theoreticians. In the latter case I have often noticed a blurring of the boundaries between work and passion. This is an ex-

cellent combination of the qualities of people dealing with security. It also happened that by exploring scientific knowledge they were able to apply it to their professional work. They did this primarily for others by informing the research and practice communities of successes and failures.

In this issue of "Security Forum" I note representatives from both of the referenced environments, resulting in articles that are valuable both cognitively and utilitarian. This is gratifying especially now when the world is full of tensions, misunderstandings, conflicts and, unfortunately, wars. This is because the search for knowledge about security, including the expansion of its resources and laws has been, and will continue to be essential for the proper functioning of state and non-state institutions dealing with security.

I am certain that the issues covered in the articles in this issue demand discussion now and in the future. They are undoubtedly central to the identity of security-oriented sciences and their development. One can therefore conclude that this is also the case for the beneficiaries of their results, namely are current and future researchers and current and future employees of security institutions. In order to have knowledge and skill, you need to learn not only by pursuing formal education but also studying independently. Textbooks, scientific monographs and articles must be consulted. To all security professionals who share this awareness I recommend the semi-annual periodical "Security Forum", which I encourage you to read. I recommend it all the more because, despite its eclectic character, it constitutes a coherent whole.

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