
PREFACE



It is well known that the activities of scientists boil down to conducting research and promoting its results. The latter area is related, in my opinion, to reaching the widest possible audience and supporting the educational process carried out in academic centres. Everything in this area is therefore based on acquiring and making available knowledge, which is nowadays increasingly sector-specific, but also contextual and, most importantly, social – both personal and structural.

The transfer and acquisition of knowledge is linked to the process of interpersonal communication. The simplest tool for this is widely available media, which include, among others, scientific journals. In addition to transmitting knowledge, they also serve to foster interaction among theoreticians and practitioners, which gives a social character to scientific and journalistic activity. Moreover, these mediums today overcome all barriers to the dissemination of knowledge, as they have been using modern information technologies for decades. Regardless of the above circumstances, it is important to remember that the use of knowledge is determined by the authors of a publication and its recipients. The former, when arguing their case, should remember to use as little hermetic language as possible and avoid cognitive closure. The latter should understand the complex nature of knowledge and scientific cognition. These are determinants of the correct disposal of research results.

The articles published in this issue of the semi-annual Security Forum are not commercially attractive, but their value is determined by the attempts made to combine scientific and colloquial discussions, which is a value in itself. Moreover, they have an applied and corrective character, which is what makes them attractive and useful. All those who read them will be convinced of this. I know this because in my professional career I have been associated both with academia and with the National Fire Service, which by virtue of their purpose have been, are and will continue to be closest to human safety.

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