

Editorial Note

Dear Readers,

The year 2012 is coming to an end. Following already established tradition, I am going to share with you some important summary information.

First of all, I would like to say that the year 2012 has been the second in a row a very successful year for the journal *Metrology and Measurement Systems (M&MS)*. The impact factor increased from 0.587 to 0.764, *i.e.* to the value quite close to that of *Measurement*. This value is positioning *M&MS* in the middle of the ISI ranking list of journals in the subject category “Instruments and Instrumentation” and in the upper part of the grading list published by the Polish Ministry of Science and Higher Education.

In 2012, further significant improvements of the editorial process and of the technical quality of published papers have been achieved. In particular:

- The new Editorial Board has changed its mode of operation by enhancing the engagement of Associate Editors; submitted papers are now processed by them independently.
- The Internet Editorial System for manuscripts submission and processing has been implemented; during last months almost all submitted papers have been processed using this system.
- Considerable improvements of the editorial quality of the journal have been attained not only by careful formatting and rigorous reviewing, but also by some amendments in the technology of preparing computer typesetting and text makeup, and in the mode of cooperation with the printing house.

M&MS is published both in paper and electronic forms. Its content is available on the Platform MetaPress, and is indexed by 11 abstracting services. More than 20 well-known universities all over the world have subscribed to the online version of *M&MS*. These are some objective indicators which, together with the growing impact factor, confirm the rising international position of *M&MS*.

At the end of this year, after 12 years of service, I am going to retire from my activity as Editor-in-Chief of the journal *M&MS*. Dr. Sc. Janusz Smulko, Professor of Gdańsk University of Technology, has been just nominated to that position. Taking advantage of this opportunity, I would like to wish him much success in further development of the journal.

This is the right moment to sum up my accomplishments as the Editor-in-Chief of *M&MS*. I have held this position since 2001, when I changed the Polish-language journal *Metrologia i Systemy Pomiarowe* into the English-language journal *Metrology and Measurement Systems*, and started to attract international authors, reviewers and associate editors. In response to an application submitted to Thomson Reuters ISI in 2005, *M&MS* was introduced on the Master Journal List in 2008. Two years later, in 2010, it was first indexed in the Journal Citation Reports/Science. Since 2009 *M&MS* has appeared in the new graphical form which makes it better recognisable on the international market of scientific journals. Since 2010 its electronic version has been available online (both abstracts and full texts) on the *M&MS* website (www.metrology.pg.gda.pl), as well as via the website of Versita publisher (www.versita.com/mms).

According to the *M&MS* mission, the chief priority has been given to supporting younger researchers in their scientific development and professional careers – mainly by publishing research results recorded in their Ph.D. and D.Sc. theses. According to some rough estimates, papers published in *M&MS* have been important premises in the procedures leading to the conferment of *ca.* 20 D.Sc. degrees and to the numerous nominations of University Professors.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all Members of the International Program Committee and of the Editorial Board, as well as Members of the Committee on Metrology and Scientific Instrumentation, Polish Academy of Sciences, for creative cooperation and their constant support offered to the journal. In my opinion, the successful development of *M&MS* would have been impossible without their concerted efforts during last 12 years. My special thanks go to Professor Roman Z. Morawski, Chairman of the International Program Committee, for his cooperation in all undertakings of last five years, aimed at improving editorial and scientific quality of the journal. I wish to thank also Ms. Marzenna Wyrzykowska for an excellent cooperation between the journal and IV Division of Polish Academy of Sciences. Finally, I would like to thank Authors, Reviewers, Associate Editors and Executive Secretaries for their hard work being the main originator of the recent journal success.

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