

EDITORIAL

Dear Readers, we the Editorial Staff with all our hearts and great satisfaction, are presenting you the first number of the ANNUAL OF NAVIGATION, the Journal of Polish Navigational Forum.

The fact that this Journal can come into being is result of the very long efforts of the whole Polish Navigational Forum - represented mainly by the members of the Navigation Section of the Committee of Geodesy of Polish Academy of Sciences - to have its own periodical, as a means of communicating the achievements, ideas, opinions, and problems of the Polish navigation's professional circles. It is also important, that all three Polish Maritime Academies (one Naval and two Merchant Marines Academies) sponsor this Journal in spite of Air Academy.

According to the main integral parts of the present-day navigation, the ANNUAL OF NAVIGATION will present the scientific, technological, operational and professional problems and matters of all kinds of modern navigation, i.e.

- Maritime navigation;
- Air navigation;
- Space navigation, and
- Land navigation.

Since the most important and most common problems of all kinds of navigation are processing and displaying the information which describe the processes of craft moving in different physical and geographical environment, these problems will be the most welcomed for presentation in our Journal.

Although the maritime navigation is only one of the constituent parts of today's navigation, it is still the most important, most organised, and most internationalised part of navigation. Therefore, taking the above into consideration - as well as the facts that the navigational circle of maritime navigation is most numerous, the problem of the safety of navigation will be, and should be the next main problem presented in this Journal. The "safety of navigation", besides the ships' navigation processes and systems, is the most important problem and the most important substance of today's maritime navigation.

However, we would like to emphasise that the articles concerning all other aspects of each kind of modern navigation will also be very welcomed for publication in this Journal if only they are really original and interesting, i.e. if they present the scientific, technological or professional achievements of the Polish Navigational Forum.

The very deep belief of the Editorial Staff is that the ANNUAL OF NAVIGATION will be the means enabling the better co-operation and deeper integration not only of the whole Polish Navigational Forum. But also, of this Forum with the international navigational community represented by the International Association of Institutes of Navigation (IAIN) whose member, since 1997, is also the Polish Navigational Forum, being represented by the Navigation Section of Geodesy Committee of Polish Academy of Sciences.

The Journal will be issued at least than once a year, and in English. Only the original articles and papers, after their reviewing, will be published. However, the reports regarding the interesting navigational events and matters, having taken place in different navigational circles or institutions will also be welcomed.

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