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Editorial preface

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Dear Readers,

With issue 57 (129), I have to say goodbye to you and my role as the Editor-In-Chief of the journal. On the 1st of February 2019, the Rector entrusted me with a new mission and asked me to oversee the entire publishing house of the University as its Head and Editor-In-Chief. I would like to express my gratitude for the trust placed in me by the University's authorities. I would also like to thank the outgoing Editor-In-Chief of MUS Press, Prof. Bernard Wiśniewski, who has devoted several decades to MUS Press.

During the last four years, I have managed to successfully complete many tasks, such as gaining sponsors and external funding from the Ministry of Science, establishing a recognised and international Scientific Board for the journal, designing and implementing detailed publication procedures in accordance with COPE regulations, designing and implementing an editorial system, designing and implementing an online journal repository with complete publications, modernising and uploading content to the journal's website, gaining numerous renowned authors from around the world and introducing the quarterly to over a dozen indexes and bibliometric databases, such as Web of Science, DOAJ and InfoBase Index. All of those activities resulted in a continuous improvement in citability and other bibliometric indicators (Chybowski, 2018). I would like to use this opportunity to thank the members of the Scientific Board, the reviewers and the members of the editorial team for their cooperation and their efficient completion of the tasks related to the publication process. The time I spent as Editor-In-Chief taught me a lot about successful teamwork and shaping interpersonal relations.

As of the 1st of February 2019, the role of Editor-In-Chief will be assumed by Dr Robert Jasionowski – Assistant Professor at the Institute of Basic Technical Sciences of the Maritime University of Szczecin. I am very happy that the mission relating to the further improvement of the journal's ratings has been entrusted to this ambitious man. I sincerely hope that the new Editor-In-Chief will continue my quest of introducing the quarterly to the JCR database and gaining IF points. To achieve those goals, it is crucial to attract more international authors and continuously increase the citability of the published articles. I wish the new Editor-In-Chief all success in constantly improving the ranking of the Scientific Journals in peer-reviewed journal rankings and hope that the readers will continue to enjoy reading our quarterly publication.

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Assoc. Prof. Leszek Chybowski
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Dear Readers,

I would like to start by thanking the Rector of the Maritime University of Szczecin for the trust that has been placed in me and for appointing me to the position of Editor-In-Chief of the Scientific Journals of MUS on the 1st of February 2019. It is a personal honour and has provided motivation to engage in the development of the journal that is now under my care. As Editor-In-Chief, I will continue working towards improving the bibliometric indexes just as my predecessor, Prof. Leszek Chybowski, has done and I will do my best to grant the quarterly a respectable position in both Poland and abroad.

This issue of the Scientific Journals presents nine papers in the following four sections: Marine Technology and Innovation, Navigation and Maritime Transport, Transport Engineering and Miscellaneous.

The section entitled Marine Technology and Innovation contains two articles; the first describes research results on the power and thrust coefficients of HATST turbines with different blade numbers and geometry that were established via numerical simulation. The second article discusses the application of thermal imaging devices to increase the security of ship's engine rooms.

The next section, Navigation and Maritime Transport, includes two articles devoted to the GNSS (Global Navigation Satellite System), in particular identifying instances of spoofing in GNSS based on a Cloud system as well as the issue of GNSS underwater acoustic positioning systems.

Three papers are in the Transport Engineering section; the first presents a simulation method of determining the minimum safe pull of tugs assisting in port manoeuvres. The authors of the second paper discuss the methodology of designing a universal berth for LNG discharge from tankers. The third article includes a comparison of two automated control systems for mini cranes.

The last section – Miscellaneous – is also comprised of two articles; they discuss the analysis of cracking processes in layered polyester-glass composites, along with research on the output voltage adjuster for a three-phase two-level voltage inverter with an LC filter.

The papers included in issue 57 are available in a digital format on our website: <http://scientific-journals.eu/>. The website also provides all essential information for the publication process as well as access to archival issues of the Scientific Journals.



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