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## **THE WORK PROGRAMME OF THE EDITORIAL BOARD OF THE CONTEMPORARY MILITARY CHALLENGES FOR 2020 AND 2021**

### I Mission of the Contemporary Military Challenges

The mission of the Contemporary Military Challenges (CMC) is to develop critical scientific and professional thought in the Slovenian Armed Forces in the field of national and international defence and security, to disseminate military knowledge, and to contribute to the development of military discipline and science.

The CMC is an interdisciplinary scientific and professional publication, which publishes articles on topical issues, research and expert discussions, as well as on technical and social science analyses covering the fields of:

- national and international defence and security
- global security challenges
- crisis management
- civil-military relations
- operation, development and transformation of the armed forces

### II Mission and tasks of the Editorial Board

The mission of the Editorial Board is to publish the CMC publication in accordance with the agreed standards and the editorial strategy as well as to promote critical and innovative scientific and professional thought among members of the Slovenian Armed Forces as well as among broader Slovenian and international public.

The Editorial Board is authorised to adopt editorial policy and strategy. It is responsible for the implementation and planning of the editorial policy and strategy as well as for the planning, preparation, publication and distribution of the publication. It devotes special attention to the promotion of the publisher's goals and to the communication with the internal and external public.

Tasks of the Editorial Board:

- To adopt and approve the Editorial Board work programme
- To adopt and amend the Editorial Board Rules of Procedure
- To adopt and implement the Editorial Board strategy
- To plan and prepare the issuing of the CMC
- To select articles to be published in the CMC
- To select articles for publication
- To nominate dedicated Editorial Board and Editorial Council members and authors of articles for awards
- To monitor the work programme implementation and annually report to the Chief of the SAF General Staff.

### III Vision

The vision of the Editorial Board is to increase the level of quality and recognisability of the CMC and its articles to meet the criteria for a higher classification of the publication according to international standards. Its contents will contribute to the development of military, defence and security science and profession in the Republic of Slovenia and internationally.

### IV Goals

- To qualify for the second category of publications according to the criteria of the Slovenian Research Agency
- To raise the visibility of the CMC within the defence system as well as with Slovenian and international public
- To increase the share of articles classified as scientific under the COBISS typology
- To increase the role of the Editorial Council
- To increase the number of articles on topical military, defence and security subjects.
- To include international reviewers in the review process
- To include new Editorial Board members from abroad

- To qualify for more international databases

#### V Strategy for achieving goals

The CMC's core guideline will be quality. The main task of Editorial Board members and the reviewers will be to make a quality selection of the contents and comply with the agreed standards for publication. By doing this, the Editorial Board aims at raising its quality category among the related publications.

The Editorial Board will strive to increase the visibility of the CMC with both internal and external public, and to facilitate its accessibility through electronic media. Particular efforts will be aimed at increasing its visibility in the international environment. The Editorial Board will also intensify its cooperation with various foreign institutions, where editorial boards deal with similar subjects, and promote the exchange of articles with them.

The essential tool for the implementation of goals will be intensive communication with the purpose of informing a wide range of internal and external professional public and thus attracting authors who are willing and capable of contributing quality articles in the spirit of the editorial policy.

The planned scope of the CMC is to publish four issues per year, two in Slovene and two in English language. Among these, at least one issue will be thematic and related to important processes or topical issues in the national and international environment. For other issues, the Editorial Board will not limit the authors by providing specific topics, but it will allow for a free selection of topics and ensure the quality and compliance with the standards.

In the period 20/21, the Contemporary Military Challenges will again apply as a candidate for the SCOPUS database and other international databases with the emphasis on social sciences.

#### VI Criterion of success

The CMC's mission and strategic goals will be achieved by:

- publishing four issues per year
- expanding the circle of institutions where the authors come from
- expanding the Editorial Board membership with members from abroad
- appointing new Editorial Council members from abroad
- publishing more articles from the international environment
- expanding the range of topics
- increasing the number of scientific articles

#### VII Activities of the Editorial Board for 2020–2021

Annex A.

VIII CMC publication plan for 20120

Annex B.

XI Validity and monitoring of the programme implementation

The implementation of the programme will be reviewed at the end of each year and regularly at Editorial Board meetings. The work programme is published on the CMC website.

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