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THE WORK PROGRAMME

OF THE EDITORIAL BOARD OF THE SAF BULLETIN FOR 2010-2011

1. Mission of the Bulletin of the Slovenian Armed Forces

The mission of the Bulletin is development of critical scientific and professional thought in the Slovenian Armed Forces in the field of national and international security and defence, dissemination of military knowledge and contribution to the development of military discipline and science.

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

- International and national security and defence,
- Global security challenges,
- Crisis management,
- Civil-military cooperation and
- Operations, development and transformation of the armed forces.

2. Mission and tasks of the editorial board

The mission of the editorial board is publication of the Bulletin of the Slovenian Armed Forces in accordance with the agreed standards and the editorial strategy as well as the promotion of critical and innovative scientific and professional thought among members of the Slovenian Armed Forces.

The editorial board is authorised to adopt the editorial policy and strategy. It is responsible for the implementation of the editorial policy and strategy as well as for the planning, preparation and publication of the Bulletin. Special attention is given to the promotion of

the publisher's goals and communication with the internal and external military expert public.

Tasks of the editorial board:

- Adoption and approval of the editorial board work programme,
- Adoption and amendment of the editorial board terms of reference,
- Adoption and implementation of the editorial board strategy,
- Planning and preparation of the SAF Bulletin publication,
- Selection of articles to be published in the Bulletin,
- Nomination of members of the editorial board and council as well as authors of articles for awards of recognition and
- Monitoring of the work programme implementation and annual reporting to the GS SAF Chief.

3. Vision

The vision of the editorial board is to raise the level of quality and visibility of the Bulletin and its articles to meet the habilitation standards of the Universities of Ljubljana and Maribor for higher classification of publications and for the Bulletin to become a scientific publication, the contents of which will contribute to the development of military science in the Republic of Slovenia and to the strengthening of Slovenian military intellectual circles.

4. Goals

- a. To remain in the third category of publications,
- b. To meet the conditions for inclusion in a higher category of publications in 2012,
- c. To raise visibility of the Bulletin in the internal and external public,
- d. To increase the number of articles classified as scientific according to the COBISS typology,
- e. To promote the role of the editorial board,
- f. To increase the number of authors from the Slovenian Armed Forces,
- g. To include international reviewers in the review process,
- h. To attract international guest editors.

5. Strategy

The editorial board will direct the contents of the Bulletin towards the development of military discipline as well as military, defence studies and security science. It will encourage authors to write articles contributing to the development of the mentioned areas and direct them to discuss topical issues, which involve an added value and broaden the knowledge. It will encourage those employed in the Slovenian Armed Forces, the Ministry of Defence, the national security system bodies in the Republic of Slovenia and other similar institutions in Slovenia and abroad, whose knowledge and experience may contribute to the development of knowledge and exchange of good practice in the field of security and defence.

The guiding principle will be quality. The main task of the editorial board members and reviewers will be quality selection of topics and compliance with the agreed standards for their publication. By doing so, the editorial board wishes to maintain the achieved category of classification among similar publications. A higher number of scientific articles will gradually lead to meeting the criteria for higher classification of the Bulletin which, at that time, will also change its name to reflect a modern publication in the field of national security.

The editorial board will strive to raise visibility of the Bulletin in the internal and external public and its availability through the electronic media. In particular, the efforts will be directed into achieving visibility in the international environment. The editorial board will strengthen cooperation and promote the exchange of articles with various foreign institutions whose editorial boards address similar issues.

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

The basic scope of the Bulletin will be publication of at least four annual issues. Among these, at least one issue will be thematic and linked to important events or topical issues in the national and international environment. For other issues, the editorial board will not limit the authors with topics but allow free selection and ensure quality and compliance with standards.

6. Criterion of success

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

1. Publishing at least four annual issues,
2. Publishing at least one thematic annual issue,
3. Increasing the number of authors from the Slovenian Armed Forces by at least 10%,
4. Expanding the circle of units/institutions which contribute the authors,
5. Publishing articles from the international environment,
6. Expanding the range of topics,
7. Increasing the number of scientific articles,
8. Increasing the number of readers and
9. Changing the name of the Bulletin to reflect a modern publication in the field of national security.

7. Activities of the editorial board for 2010-2011

Annex A.

8. SAF Bulletin publication plan for 2010

Annex B.

9. Financial plan for 2010

Annex C.

10. Validity and monitoring the implementation of the programme

The work programme was adopted at the 11th joint meeting of the editorial board and editorial council of the SAF Bulletin on 21 October 2009.

The work programme is a guide for the work of members of the editorial board, its bodies and individuals as well as organisational units, which participate in the preparation and publication of the SAF Bulletin. The implementation of the programme will be reviewed at the end of each year and at each editorial board meeting. The work programme is published on the website of the SAF Bulletin.

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