
THE WORK PROGRAMME OF THE EDITORIAL BOARD OF
THE CONTEMPORARY MILITARY CHALLENGES FOR 2015-2016

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 security and defence, to disseminate military knowledge, and to contribute to the development of military discipline and science.

The CMC 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.
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.

The editorial board is authorised to adopt 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 CMC. Special attention is given to the promotion of the publisher's goals and 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 terms of reference
- 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 nominate members of the editorial board and council as well as authors of articles for awards of recognition
- 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 raise the level of quality and visibility of the CMC and its articles to meet the habilitation standards of the Universities of Ljubljana and Maribor for higher classification of publications and for the CMC to become a publication, the contents of which will contribute to the development of military science in the Republic of Slovenia and the strengthening of Slovenian military intelligentsia.

IV Goals
- To remain in the third category of publications
- To raise the visibility of the CMC in the internal and external public
- To increase the number of articles classified as scientific according to the COBISS typology
- To promote the role of the editorial board
- To increase the number of authors from the Slovenian Armed Forces
- To include international reviewers in the review process
- To join other data basis.
V Strategy for attaining goals

The editorial board will direct the contents of the CMC 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, 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. Quality will be the guiding principle. The main task of the editorial board and reviewers will be to make a quality selection of topics and ensure 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.

The editorial board will strive to raise the visibility of the CMC in the internal and external public and its availability through 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 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 at least four issues per year. 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 by providing topics, but it will allow for a free selection and ensure quality and compliance with the standards.

VI Criterion of success

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

- publishing at least four issues per year,
- increasing the number of authors from the Slovenian Armed Forces by at least 10%,
- expanding the circle of units/institutions which contribute the authors,
- publishing articles from the international environment,
- expanding the range of topics,
- increasing the number of scientific articles,
VII Activities of the editorial board for 2015–2016
Annex A.

VIII CMC publication plan for 2015
Annex B.

IX Financial plan for 2015
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X Validity and monitoring the implementation of the programme
The work programme was adopted at the 4th Editorial Board Meeting on 18 November 2014. The work programme represents a guideline 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 CMC. 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 CMC website.

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