

## FOREWORD

This English language special issue of the Defence Review is the latest collection of high quality contributions by Hungarian military scholars and our international partners. They address a wide range of topics on applied sciences and security policy with the common aim of making our world safer.

The authors in the first section of this issue focus on the current problems and trends of terrorism. *Gordon Woo* analyses a new aspect of spreading terror by exploring the connections between violence and the media. *David Winston*'s work shows us how the tools and methodology of terrorist attacks change as circumstances, perpetrators and target locations change. The same question is examined by *Attila Kasznár* and *György Zoltán Bács*, as they call attention to the lone-wolf perpetrators from the viewpoint of counter-terrorism. *Richard Warnes* in his study emphasises the importance of local communities as a capability resource for civilian-based national resistance against terrorism.

Many challenges may influence security policy worldwide. In this field of research, I recommend two brilliant papers on U.S. foreign policy, the first by *Fabio Vanorio* on reforming the Committee on Foreign Investments of the United States, and the second is the study by *István Tarrósy* on the changes of the USA's policy in China and Africa. Focusing on Africa, *Mariann Vecsey* presents the latest migration trends in the continent, and then *Karim Boudadi* examines the security cooperation in the Sahel Region.

In the field of applied sciences, there are several papers seeking appropriate answers to current professional challenges. It is the current information dependence that inspired *Zoltán Pozderka* and *Győző Csanádi* to examine the questions of CCIR and information management. I highly recommend also the study by *Imre Porkoláb* and *Ben Zweibelson*, opening a window on innovation in NATO. *Erika Héregi* gives an outstanding summary of the military administration tasks related to personnel augmentation in the Hungarian Defence Forces.

Considering the wide-ranging content of this issue of the journal, I am proud to present it as a product of national and international contributions and I hope that not only military specialists, but civilian experts will find these papers more than useful.

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