EDITORIAL

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In that context, our mission is to disseminate practical, pertinent knowledge on the management of technology, technical professionals, and technical organizations with the emphasis placed on the scientific and engineering potential of East European countries. This distinguishes MPER from other journals in the subject area, and allows for reaching its ultimate goal: to make a profound contribution to the development of theory, research and practice by serving as a leading forum for the publication of scholarly research on all aspects of the technology, innovation, and engineering management.

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We would like to thank all members of the Editorial Board, the authors, the reviewers, and all those who have supported the idea of the Management and Production Engineering Review journal and its development since 2010. Last but not least, we extend our sincere appreciation to all the readers, who are the reason for the existence of our journal.

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