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FOREWORD

The scientific journal *Geomatics, Landmanagement and Landscape* challenges the stereotype about The University of Agriculture in Krakow as a scientific and research institute oriented exclusively towards agricultural, forest and veterinary sciences. Great credit for the change in the way our University is perceived goes to its researchers of the Faculty of Environmental Engineering and Land Surveying, who have contributed to creating this journal. And the authors publishing here play crucial role in showing how important is the integration of interdisciplinary research, even when it encompasses the different fields of sciences.

In the current issue of the Geomatics, Landmanagement and Landscape the problems related to geodesy and cartography (understood as part of technical sciences), hydrology and revitalization (classified as branches of engineering, environmental protection and land reclamation) have been presented. This issue also discussed questions concerning spatial management as part of the agricultural, forest, veterinarian and technical and economic sciences. The results of the presented studies, related to computation of the corrections to sea level anomaly data due to centre of Earth mass variations, and to using the software tools such as jQuery JavaScript components to create interactive maps, are examples proving that reliable geodesic data are essential in any kind of scientific research, studies and engineering projects in environmental engineering broadly understood. The data allow among other things to localize the flood risk areas on the basis of Digital Terrain Model. And analysis of flood risk requires using hydrological methods, which was shown in an article about the assessment of the influence of time of concentration on maximum flow in an urbanized watershed. The authors of the paper on revitalization have described the examples of cities, districts and post-industrial areas which thanks to the revitalization processes have been transformed from vacant places and wastelands into objects with new, attractive functions. Yet another article looks at the agricultural use of lands in a mountain village and it tries to prove the agricultural usefulness of grasslands due to the character of mountain agriculture based on livestock and pasture farming. This short characteristics of the published articles of Polish authors shows how diverse are the problems addressed in GLL.

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I am convinced that the readers will find here the ideas that would inspire them to their own research, scientific cooperation with researchers from other academic institution, from Poland and abroad, and that it will lead not only to new publications, but also to projects and research implementations.

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