

## FOREWORD

Dear Readers,

In 2019, it is already the 4th issue of the interdisciplinary journal that reaches you. A few years ago, when we were launching the journal, some voiced their doubts whether it was worth the effort, worried that it would be impossible to stay afloat, meanwhile, we are entering our sixth year. Throughout these years, the editorial team has worked tirelessly to develop and improve the journal, and apply high publishing standards. The year 2019 was a breakthrough, as we finally managed to receive a development grant from the Ministry of Science and Higher Education in Poland. Soon we will launch an online editorial system, which will speed up and facilitate the processing of paper submissions. Thus, we will enter the family of scientific journals that apply universal standards around the world.

From the beginning of the journal's existence, the editorial team assumed its interdisciplinary nature. The very name of the magazine indicates its interdisciplinary approach, within the sciences related to the shaping and description of geo-space. In each issue of the magazine there are articles on very different topics, combining many scientific disciplines. On the one hand, it is an advantage and on the other hand, it could be perceived as a threat. In their research, scientists nowadays are heading to more and more specialized areas, often using language and wording that is incomprehensible to other specialists even within the same discipline. This drives the development of these disciplines, but only up to a point. Sometimes, the term "art for art's sake" may come to mind. Many scientific papers are created and published, only to gather dust on the shelf, because no one other than their authors will be able to read or understand them. On the other hand, interdisciplinary research has great development potential. Many scientists working in open teams – made up of experts from many fields and scientific disciplines – claim that only by learning from one another they are able to quickly and efficiently conduct scientific research. It seems that in the future, both research paths will be further developed and will intertwine to the benefit of the development of science.

The current issue of the journal contains articles from many disciplines; hence it would be difficult to write a foreword word that would constitute an introduction to all these articles. We have papers on specialized geodetic measurements, satellite measurements, the use of photogrammetric methods in images of various objects, but also articles on spatial planning, landscape architecture, real estate management, finance, cartography and water management.

In my opinion, this broad variety of topics and interdisciplinary content of the articles testify to the strength of this journal, which can become a platform for exchanging views among many scientists, and may inspire them to seek cooperation with other scientists.

I wish you all the best for the New Year 2020, may it bring a lot of professional success and provide a lot of inspiration for interesting research.

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