

Dear readers,

Dear friends.

You hold in your hands the first issue of the jubilee volume of the scientific journal *Materials Engineering – Materiálové inžinierstvo* (MEMI). The scientific journal published by the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering of the University of Žilina celebrates 20 years of its existence. The first issue of the journal appeared in 1994 with the aim to publish new papers on metallic and non-metallic construction materials, operations and technologies providing higher resistance to the limit state. One of the journal's objectives was to publish the results for the general and professional public, to provide a forum for experienced scientists and to present the results of young researchers.

The journal has been developing during the twenty years of existence. It has been adapting to the development both in its research area and publishing technology. Scope, contents, design, editorial board and editors have been changing. Since 2008 the journal has been published in English to enhance the international impact of the journal. Since 2011 the electronic submission and publication system has been working.

One of the MEMI founders and its first editor-in-chief was dr.h.c. prof. Ing. Anton Puškár, DrSc. in 1994-1999. Prof. Ing. Otakar Bokůvka, PhD. continued in 2000-2010 and now, assoc. prof. Ing. Branislav Hadzima, PhD. is the editor-in-chief. Figuratively speaking, the journal *Materials Engineering – Materiálové inžinierstvo* relived the years of infancy, successfully coped with the years of pubescence and has grown up to a young man with clear aims and ambitions – to perform not only scientific and informative tasks, but also the tasks concerning communication between institutions and people within and outside Europe.

The scientific journal *Materials Engineering – Materiálové inžinierstvo* is a recognized periodical (published quarterly). On the occasion of its anniversary, I would like to thank to all who contributed to its existence and impact in technical field of scientific knowledge over many years. A big thank you to the readers, authors and reviewers who create the journal. It is possible to celebrate the journal's anniversary mainly thanks to you.

I wish the scientific journal *Materials Engineering – Materiálové inžinierstvo* viability, competent and creative authors, many readers and last but not least, enthusiastic editorial board for the years ahead.

Otakar Bokůvka

Chairman of Editorial Board of MEMI journal