

## From the Editor-in-Chief

*Dear Readers,*

I am pleased to inform you that by the resolution of the Main Board of Polish Society of Theoretical and Applied Mechanics I have been entrusted with the office of Editor-in-Chief of our Journal and commence my duty with the beginning of 2010. In this way, it will be my privilege to continue the work of six of my eminent predecessors – starting from Professor Artur Kacner, who initiated circulation of *Mechanika Teoretyczna i Stosowana* in 1963 at that time in Polish, and ending up with the late lamented Professor Wojciech Nowacki, who held this position for the last 16 years.

I am taking over the editorial leadership at the very important moment for the Journal – shortly after achieving the world-wide recognition throughout Thomson Reuters list. Obviously, this means that the Journal has finally fulfilled high formal criteria, but at the same time it has become a challenge for the Editorial Board to keep up with continuity, to ensure proper standards and also to deliver professional systems of distribution, which – most probably – would require the Journal to enter an appropriate informatic platform.

Taking into consideration the main goals aiming at general development of the profile and thematic domain of *Journal of Theoretical and Applied Mechanics (JTAM)*, as well as permanent growth of the level and rank of the Journal which is taken care of by the international Editorial Board, we consider it necessary to pay more attention and, consistently, promote interdisciplinary papers appearing in the intensively developed fields of biomechanics, material mechanics, nanomechanics in energy, environment and biomedical technologies. This requires support from the Editorial Council and giving it more international character, which – in turn – would also enlarge the area from which the papers are submitted.

Taking this opportunity, I would like to convey my cordial greetings to the readers and strongly encourage them to publish their works in *JTAM*.

*Włodzimierz Kurnik*