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Dear readers,

*I am contented to announce the release of this **Gândirea militară românească/Romanian Military Thinking** journal double issue and to express my satisfaction for the sustained effort of the authors and the scientific quality of the articles.*

But, before making you curious about the content, I would like to draw your attention, once again, to the need to be intellectually active, to write, to communicate new ideas, to discuss strategic concepts, to offer the world a personal view on military-related events and phenomena.

Any organization that wants to progress needs an intellectual community, people willing to leave the comfort of daily routine and lean towards study. However, in my opinion, this alone is not enough. It also requires the courage to publish, to expose yourself to not only the appreciation but also the constructive criticism of a knowledgeable audience.

*The **Gândirea militară românească/Romanian Military Thinking** editorial platform is the perfect medium to make your opinions known, to contribute to increasing the level of knowledge of us all as an organization. Therefore, I consider that the efforts to keep this platform functional must be acknowledged, appreciated and encouraged.*

However, even these two ingredients are not enough. A third is needed, and it is you, the readers! This journal should not be just the medium through which authors meet the requirement of publishing



another article for a certain score necessary to develop their didactic career or to obtain a scientific title.

Gândirea militară românească/Romanian Military Thinking belongs, in equal measure, to you, the readers, and we invite you to use it! You will find interesting and useful information in it, which can help you understand the evolution of the military phenomenon and, who knows, “Appetite comes with eating”, according to an old Romanian saying, which is, in this case, that you, our readers, will join those who have the courage to write!

In this double issue you will find articles about the way we can plan and make innovative, fast decisions with the help of new technologies. In the modern battlefield, decision-making speed has become a differentiating factor between success and failure, between survival and death. Nothing new under the sun, you will say, and I will reply, stating that the speed offered by the information system is different.

You will also find in this issue of the journal articles related to resilience and the need to prepare society for protracted conflicts. We have been looking to the East for several years and we have found that the power of resistance and the will to fight of a people remain fundamental ingredients in combating aggression.

By browsing the pages of the journal, you will discover articles about European programs dedicated to strengthening the defence capacity, as well as a systemic description of the new National Defence Strategy.

As it has become familiar, the military history section brings to your attention novel articles related to both national and international past. Mihail Kogălniceanu told us, in his introductory speech to the national history course at the Mihăileană Academy in Iași, on 24 November 1843, that “history must be, as it has always

been, the guidebook of the peoples and of every man in particular; because every state, every profession finds in it rules of conduct, advice to deal with uncertainty, instruction for its ignorance, exhortation to glory and good deeds”¹.



*So, we have before us a new issue of **Gândirea militară Românească/Romanian Military Thinking**, a result of the 3 ingredients: the authors, the editorial team and you, the readers.*

Thank you all and I wish you would enjoy reading the present issue and get inspired to contribute to the future ones!

¹ Kogălniceanu, M. (1946). *Opere Alese*. București: Editura Cugetarea – Georgescu Delafras.