

EDITORIAL

Dear Readers and the Authors of the Journal,

For the preceding year in the life of Gnedenko Forum and our journal there were essential changes. The President of the Forum came off duty and the members of the Editorial Board of the journal were considerably renewed. We hope that all of us together not only will keep spirit and the atmosphere of our journal, but also, we will manage to give to the business begun by Igor Ushakov, a new impulse.

Since January 2006, Gnedenko Forum began releasing its quarterly electronic journal «Reliability: Theory & Applications» (RT&A). The journal is registered in the Library of Congress (ISSN 1932-2321). Over 10 years since the publication of the first issue, in 43 issues of the journal over 400 articles have been published. Articles undergo a compulsory stage of editing and are published in PDF format on the journal's website. The journal publishes articles, reviews, memories, information and bibliographies on theoretical and applied aspects of reliability and quality control, security, survivability, maintenance and methods of analysis and risk management. Preference is given to the editorial board materials, reflecting the practical application of these methods in the articles of a theoretical nature must necessarily contain new problems designation practical application and should not be excessive use of formal calculations.

The editorial board of the journal includes scientists and experts who are recognized experts in their fields of activity and well versed in the essence of the problems discussed in the journal.

Publication in the RT&A is equivalent to publication in scientific journals. Articles recommended by the members of the editorial board for review are routed. The editors reserve the right to change the title of the article, as well as spend editing. The author retains full right to use their materials after publication in the journal of your choice (to send them to other publications, to submit to conferences, etc.).

The editorial board of the journal carries out reviewing of all articles presented to the journal. Now, the journal is included into the [Russian Science Citation Index](#) information base and we are planning its inclusion into SCOPUS and Web of Science bases.

Being the "information window" of Gnedenko Forum the RT&A promotes implementation of the mission of Forum including:

- Establishing sustainable development of the professional contacts among experts, young specialists and prospective students around the world in the field of reliability and applications. Publication and dissemination of personal information and news about members and participants;
- Publishing scientific and essential technical achievements in peer reviewed papers in the Forum's e-journal;
- Exchanging information between Member and participants of Forum;
- Information about new publications of books and other journals (review papers and/or other forms of personal information);
- Announcements about international conferences, meeting, symposiums, lectures, new books, job offers, professional development and other current or modern events in this field;
- Helping the Forum members in getting job, consulting, grants, funded research etc.;
- Collaborating in organization of conferences, meetings, symposiums;

- Working on foundation of an International Gnedenko's school for professional development of researchers and practitioners in support of Gnedenko scholars, pupils of their pupils. (*Gnedenko Brand is one of the most valuable and vital peculiarity in the Forum*);
- Organization of discussions around some of important questions;
- Creation of the Forum free e-library.

The experience of journal releasing for more than 10 years and real-life communication of experts and young researchers at the Forum show that Igor Ushakov's idea about informal union of experts in the field of the theory of reliability and risk analysis was fruitful and viable.

Ten years are sufficient term for intermediate summarizing. We won't confirm that everything turned out as it had to be and how it was planned. We are far from anniversary self-complacency. Besides, despite solidity, ten years are not anniversary at all but it is rather the reason to estimate whether we are moving to intended success or the business was too heavy to lift. We think that you support us in confidence that we did right thing, the mission of the journal is demanded, and it surely carries it out. It's our general merit: both activities of the editorial board, and the authors who send original and attractive articles and the problem of selection of texts for the publication becomes very difficult, but very interesting. You can distinctly see on the pages of our journal the mutual enrichment process of somniferous knowledge in the field of the theory of reliability, risk analysis and their appendices.

We are sure that the next years will become very fruitful for those whose area of professional interests relates to questions of reliability and risk analysis.

Thanks to all who have passed this ten-year way with us, helping us to find self-confidence and to become useful to scientific community, we are ready and we want to move surely together with you further!

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