From the Publisher

This is the first issue of FIBRES & TEXTILES in Eastern Europe without the name of Bogdan Mac as Editor-in-Chief. Mr Mac has retired and the post is now taken over by Ms. Emilia Jaszczurska, the former Assistant Editor. Mr Bogdan Mac has been leading our periodical since 1993, when it was merely a local title. Mr Mac M.Sc., Eng. has devoted all his talents and efforts and he really succeeded in transforming FIBRES & TEXTILES in Eastern Europe into a reputable periodical with a world-wide audience and authors from all parts of the world. The success was underpinned by his extraordinary experience. Moreover his high skills have been recognised by reputable national organisations – he is a full member of the Academy of Engineering in Poland, and honorary member of the Polish Textile Association. Local authorities have also appreciated his contribution: In 2007 the City Council bestowed the Award of Łódź City on Mr Mac. It is to his merit that FI-BRES & TEXTILES in Eastern Europe has been placed upon the Thomson Reuters Master Journal List of Institute of Scientific Information, Philadelphia USA, which is indexed by many well-known web sites, and received the Index Copernicus in 2011. All those who have cooperated with Bogdan Mac have gained the impression that the post of Editor-in Chief has been his passion rather than a duty. Authors have appreciated his competent and tactful remarks as well as advice. We give credit to him that FIBRES & TEXTILES in Eastern Europe is today an unquestionable brand name.

On behalf of the publisher, the Institute of Biopolymers and Chemical Fibers, Scientific Board and Editorial Committee, we would like to take this opportunity to express best thanks to Mr Bogdan Mac for all he has done for FIBRES & TEXTILES in Eastern Europe over the years on his post, as well as for his devotion, efforts and competence. Dear Bogdan we wish you all happiness and prosperity in your personal and family life.

However, with these words of gratitude we are not saying "good bye". By staying with us within the circle of the Editorial Committee, we are further counting on your experience and competence through giving us your support and advice.

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