Letter from the Editor

Dear Reader,

This year the Institute of Biopolymers and Chemical Fibres, the publisher of our journal Fibres & Textiles in Eastern Europe celebrates its 60th anniversary. Coincidentally it appears that our publication is also celebrating its 20th anniversary. Founded at the end of 1992, the journal published its first issue on January 1993. What is more, it is worth to emphasise that in the middle of 2013 Fibres & Textiles in Eastern Europe will publish its 100th anniversary issue

60th anniversary of the Institute will be celebrated at the ceremony held on 28th September 2012 at the New Theatre in Lodz. The program together with a short note of the history of the Institute and its present position, you will find on the opposite page, whereas a comprehensive listing of the Institute's present activities is presented on the inner side of the cover of this issue.

Independently, similarly as ten years ago, we will publish a **special issue** devoted to the anniversaries. In order to achieve this goal, we will publish **No.** 6/2012 in two editions: **No.** 6A published on 1st November 2012 with the standard confirmed positions and **No.** 6B, published on 30th December with the following content:

- Information Letters
- Anniversary speeches by the Government and University Representatives
- Lectures presented at the 60th anniversary ceremony in the New Theatre in Lodz (see also opposite page)
- Brief information about the history and present state of Fibres & Textiles in Eastern Europe by Editor-in-Chief Bogdan Mac
- A brief report of the anniversary
- A set of articles prepared by members of the scientific staff of the Institute of Biopolymers and Chemical Fibres related to their actual activity.

Currently the Institute and our Journal are closely integrated and they cooperate successfully. We hope that also in the future our work will be successful with broad attention of domestic and international scientific societies.

On the occasion of the 60th anniversary, the whole Editorial Staff of the journal wish the Director dr Danuta Ciechańska, the members of Scientific Board and the whole staff of the Institute everlasting prosperity, many interesting subjects for research and great achievements on a domestic and international scale.

I would also like to thank our Editorial Staff, without whom it would not be possible to achieve and maintain the present position of the journal.

Sincerely, Editor-in-Chief

Bogdan Mac