

Editorial

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On behalf of the team at NBP – Journal of Criminalistics and Law, I would like to welcome you to this last issue of the journal for 2020, featuring the work of researchers from different fields. A slight publishing delay of this issue is due to the significant transformations the journal is going through in the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic.

There has been a shift in the Editorial Board's and the Scientific Board's structure and leadership. This January I took over the helm of the journal's Editor-in-Chief from Stevo Jaćimovski, after he had served his two-year term. On behalf of the entire team I would like to thank Professor Jaćimovski and all other previous Editors, who had made substantial contributions both to the journal and the scholarly publishing community, and to express my gratitude for their leadership over these past years.

Along with the reorganization referenced above, there has been new anticipation and excitement over the journal's future directions. The primary aim of the Journal is to get indexed in the most prestigious citation databases such as WoS and Scopus. Among other things, we have created a new website and new social media presence (on Twitter - <https://twitter.com/nbpjournal>

and Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/NBPjournal>). To make it easier for authors, we have improved the Instructions for Authors and created the Manuscript Template. Finally, in 2021 the University of Criminal Investigation and Police Studies celebrates its centennial anniversary and NBP its Silver Jubilee.

The past year has been remarkably challenging for the whole world. The COVID-19 pandemic has specially placed a colossal amount of stress on security agencies personnel regarding their new responsibilities. Their obligations have been particularly highlighted through the implementation of lockdown orders and new problems such as scams and cyber security breaches associated with the pandemic. The unique situation has caused budget control as well as reforms in many sectors. Lack of staff and budget cuts have led to rising crime rates in many countries. Researchers from around the world have been hard at work investigating these challenges. In this issue, which was prepared by the previous and the present editorial boards, six articles were chosen, and we hope that they would offer insights into the scope and nature of both the long-established and novel problems facing the security agencies.

In the first article, a team of international collaborators investigated the accuracy of the BMI in the evaluation of obesity in police officers. Since the results suggest moderate accuracy of the BMI as the sole predictor of obesity, agencies are informed to be cautious when evaluating their police officers. The second article investigated the problems of paedophilia regarding its prevalence, situational incidence, and perspectives of treatment. Using quantitative and qualitative indicators, the authors shed light on this sensitive topic and attempted to determine important aspects for its holistic evaluation. In the third article, the authors presented certain problems with drug trafficking and terrorism through the lenses of political and social dynamics in the Balkans. The authors argue that there has been the nexus between organized criminal activities and terrorism acts, used by political elites to advance over their political opponents, which in turn may have an impact on national security. The fourth article examines the

occurrence of non-disclosure of financial reports in the context of economic offense. The analysis of the current situation provided explanations of such issues related to investors and the society in general, along with the proposal for a possible solution. The fifth article deals with globally relevant topic related to automated decision-making in the administrative procedure. The authors identified the situations in the general administrative procedure which could serve as the basis for normative regulations, taking into account human rights and liberties. Finally, the sixth article is concerned with the latest changes in the criminal legislation in the Republic of Serbia related to recidivism and its character of mandatory aggravating factor. By the means of critical analysis, the authors attempted to detect the potential problems in this legislation.

We sincerely hope that you will enjoy this issue as much as we have enjoyed compiling it.

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