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EDITORIAL

Once again, 2021 saw many challenges for all of us, and therefore it is especially important to recognize the authors' hard work and to take this opportunity to thank them for choosing the NBP Journal as the right home to submit, publish and promote their research. We are witnessing rapid changes in communication and dissemination of scientific information and we make efforts to attract as many foreign researchers as possible in order to jointly advance in their scientific careers, but also in promotion and improvement of the NBP Journal. We greatly appreciate their decision to put their manuscripts and trust in our hands. In addition, we owe a great deal of gratitude to reviewers, which are the key pillar in providing a high level of quality to the NBP Journal. Finally, it is a special pleasure for me to write these lines on behalf of the great team of people involved with the production of the Journal.

While publishing academic research is always a milestone achievement, it will be perhaps even more in the times ahead. Throughout 2022, we will do our best to pursue our mission in serving the community based on the valuable feedback we receive from researchers worldwide. With this issue, we are closing the 25th-anniversary volume and have a strong belief that the Journal will celebrate its next jubilee as a part of the most prestigious international databases. Stepping towards that goal, we hope that the wide range of topics covered in this issue will be of particular interest to readers.

The first article examined the reliability of episodic memory by altering the retention time between the initial observation of two episodes and the communication of what was actually remembered. No matter what type of crime is being studied, the data show that the retention interval greatly influences both accuracy and certainty in memory accuracy. The second article deals with risks that 5G, as a highly sensitive technology, poses to the safety of people. The authors considered the topic by establishing through answering if there is a safe side in terms of choices that countries make around 5G vendors and what the best solution is for countries to escape the dominance of 5G vendors, ensure high safety and avoid potential hazards. The special focus was on Serbia as a typical country exposed to various influences. The third article analyzed a single and centralized register of business entities in the Republic of Serbia, in order to find interdependence between established measures and macroeconomic performance observed through GDP. Some measures were selected and recommended as important for further improvement of the blacklist, and





consequently providing better economic environment. The fourth article is a history research paper focused on church-state cooperation. Namely, the author searched for the origin of the model for the new generation of concordats that came into being after World War I. Buttons have been identified that connect current contracts with the parts of history in which their frameworks are set. Finally, the group of authors from Italy introduced the platform for improving investigation capabilities of law enforcement agencies. This article results from a project supported by the European Commission, which aimed to develop a set of tools and techniques to efficiently address online illegal trafficking of counterfeit/falsified medicines, novel psychoactive substances, drugs, and weapons with artificial intelligence. What makes this new is that the system can automatically identify precursors, generate stimuli and knowledge that a researcher needs to verify, which enhances a creative and intuitive approach to an investigation by combining best detective skills with the power of artificial intelligence and especially understanding natural language.

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

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