



**Dear colleagues, authors and readers,**

The very hard year 2021 is over. The pandemic greatly affected our lives. Avoiding a coronavirus infection required self-isolation from other people. Many of us work remotely. This new phenomenon has become part of our everyday lives. Remote learning, thesis and dissertation defense, workshops and conferences are commonplace now. Today, digital human interaction is the new normal in the life of the society. Digital technology has acquired a strong momentum for development. Efficiency, safety and dependability are its key characteristics. Those matters will be at the focus of the 2022 publications of the Dependability Journal.

The Journal's subject matter emphasises technical efficiency, transportation and functional safety, information security, structural and functional dependability of technical and man-machine systems, reliability and survivability of systems, standardization and certifica-

tion in terms of system dependability and safety. Risk theory and the practice of risk management is one of the primary topics of the Journal's papers. The focus will be on new findings in the area of artificial intelligence, especially with regard to efficiency, safety and dependability in transportation.

The priority is still given to the items that reflect the results of practical application of advanced technologies, methods and engineering solutions.

The Journal is open for publication of advertisement materials highlighting the latest achievements in the domain of design, application and development of technical systems and processes as regards their efficiency, dependability and safety.

In 2022, Dependability will still be published in Russian and English. At [www.dependability.ru](http://www.dependability.ru), the readers can access the digital versions of the Journal's issues. All the issues will simultaneously be published in paper form.

The Editorial Board and Editorial Council are continuing their efforts aimed at improving the scientific quality of the Journal. The publications are included in the Russian Science Citation Index, as well as the international Index Copernicus. The inclusion of the Journal's papers into the Web of Science (WoS) database and citation system is pending agreement.

The Editorial Board calls the authors and readers for active involvement with the Journal. Your observations and proposals will help improve its quality, as well as its scientific and application level.

***Best regards,  
Editor-in-Chief, Professor  
I.B. Shubinsky***