

Editorial



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Dear readers,

it has been already four years since the first issue of the MAD - Magazine of Aviation Development. It was established primarily to improve dissemination of knowledge in Czech aviation because there had been no source of up to date information acquired from the aviation research. The successful results have finally been achieved thanks to the regular publishing of the MAD. Unfortunately, in the industry there another constraint occurred: almost no support for the aviation research. The circumstances were quite complicated because a dedicated part of the research focused on aviation, especially the Research Department under the Ministry of Transport of the Czech Republic, was terminated. After that, the entire research funding was assigned to the tasks of the newly established Technology Agency of the Czech Republic in 2009.

The acquisition of funding for the research in aviation operational domains such as safety, security, process management appeared to be almost an unsolvable problem and this situation persisted. Fortunately, now that has improved in both the Ministry of Transport and other ministries that have realised the need to maintain the state-of-the-art in aviation as it should be considered to be a showcase not only for transportation but also for safety. Currently, it is already possible to address research needs of each ministry via public procurements through the Technology Agency of the Czech Republic and its Beta2 program. It appears that better times are ahead and research organisations will have the chance to fund their research.

We are glad that today we can introduce the twentieth number of the MAD with new graphical design and with a prospect of steady growth in quality of content guaranteed by the Editorial Board with leading international scientists.

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