

FOREWORD

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The first issue of the INCAS Bulletin is now in your hands. We would like to indicate by this note the purpose of the Bulletin, the editorial policy to be followed in accepting papers for publication and the mechanism of publishing the next issues. It is also our purpose to encourage hereby the greatest possible participation by various members of our scientific community in this undertaking.

The purpose of the INCAS Bulletin is manifold. It is intended primarily for the benefit of the INCAS members, interested partners and collaborators, and it is hoped that it will be an instrument in helping the organization achieve its primary goal of leadership in aerospace sciences and applied research in fluid mechanics. Furthermore, we confidently expect that in the publication of papers presented here, based on on-going research activities and projects at INCAS and others received from the collaborators at large, a real service will be rendered to each of us in creating an enlarged appreciation and understanding of the scientific potential existing in our organization. Also thru the INCAS Bulletin, we plan to give every interested reader the benefit of a constructive criticism to key topics of interest, evaluation of papers and articles, notes and reviews of books of great interest or strategic importance for aerospace sciences.

If this purpose is to be fulfilled, the cooperation of many contributors will be necessary. Some will be asked to present state of the art technologies related to their on-going research experiments, others will be requested to outline the main problems in their field of specialization relating to aerospace sciences, and all are expected to submit for publication articles of general interest so that our scientific community will benefit from this effort.

The Bulletin will contain editorials from time to time. The present and past members of INCAS will serve as an editorial staff. Papers submitted will be referred for critical appraisal to a committee consisting of members of the Editorial Board who are specialized in the field with which the paper is concerned. This committee will serve as referees and their recommendations will determine whether a paper is published. Papers submitted for INCAS Bulletin should reflect the interest and desire of the author to share his knowledge and expertise with colleagues and members of our community at the highest level of international competitiveness.

Finally, we would like to invite suggestions. While we realize our aim for scientific communication, we would like to be sure that the INCAS Bulletin meets a fair standard of acceptability from most of the members of our community. This can probably best be assured by your comments and suggestions.

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