

## EDITORIAL

Dear friends,

Four months have passed since our first issue of the Science of Gymnastics Journal. The editorial board was not asleep during this time nor were our readers. Many things have happened and below is a short report of these events.

When we set out to start this journal we hoped we would attract some attention from the gymnastics community by promoting science and research in gymnastics. From 1 October to 31 December 2009 more than 3000 visitors from 64 countries visited our website at [www.scienceofgymnastics.com](http://www.scienceofgymnastics.com). A great deal of thanks for such numbers goes to those who passed on the information about our journal. Let me take this opportunity to thank the International Gymnastics Federation ([www.fig-gymnastics.com](http://www.fig-gymnastics.com)), the International Gymnast Magazine ([www.internationalgymnast.com](http://www.internationalgymnast.com)), [www.gymnasticscoaching.com](http://www.gymnasticscoaching.com), and [www.gymnastics.bc.ca](http://www.gymnastics.bc.ca) in particular, and many others who have sent our address to their friends.

It is worth noting that we had visitors from all six inhabited continents of the world: from Europe, North and South America, Africa, Asia and Australia. Visitors came from places where gymnastics is an established sport as well as from places where they are just making their first tentative steps into this area.

A lot of our efforts in the last four months has gone in the improvement of the status of our Journal in international databases. Our articles are visible on Google Scholar. We have been accepted into the SIRC database of sport journals, our entry in the EBSCO SportDiscus database is pending and we have started working on acquiring a Thomson Reuter's impact factor.

The new issue starts with an article by German authors Thomas Heinen, Pia Vinken, and Konstantinos Velentzas addressing a very interesting dilemma of twist directions. The second article is the contribution by Trevor Dowdell from Australia who is exploring characteristics of coaching. The third article is about the reliability of judging in men's artistic gymnastics at the University Games in Belgrade 2009, written by a group of authors from Slovenia and Hungary: Bojan Leskošek, Ivan Čuk, Istvan Karacsony, Jernej Pajek and Maja Bučar. The fourth article comes from Slovenian author Matjaž Ferkolj who has researched kinematic characteristics of Roche vault on vaulting table. The second issue of our journal concludes with an article from Portugal in which José Ferreirinha, Joana Carvalho, Cristina Côrte-Real and António Silva analyze the evolution of flight element on uneven bars from 1989 to 2004.

Dear friends, please don't forget that this journal is open for submissions from all over the world. Do not hesitate to send an article as long as it is gymnastics related and follows our guidelines published on our web site. Your comments on any of the published articles or any queries you might have are also always welcome.

The Editorial Board wishes you a good reading.

**Ivan Čuk**  
**Editor-in-Chief**