

We would like to convey the words of appreciation and acknowledgement to Professor Pierre Padilla, who as the director of the National Engineering School of Metz – ENIM together with the director of the Institute of Fundamental Technological Research of the Polish Academy of Sciences in Warsaw, Professor Andrzej Nowicki signed agreement about the joint publishing since 2011 of the Quarterly Journal *ENGINEERING TRANSACTIONS (ROZPRAWY INŻYNIERSKIE – TRAITÉ d'INGENIERIE)*. We hardly observed that in February 2012 he is reaching the retirement age. We wish Professor Pierre Padilla good health and all happiness and do hope that we can still count on his advice and help in keeping our Quarterly founded in 1952 on a new path of its development. We consider this to be a milestone strengthening of the international position of the journal aiming at the publishing market of the European Research Area. We shall always remember that we owe this in great degree to the open mind, high spirit and persistence of Pierre Padilla.

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