



## HAPPY 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY, FACULTY OF INTELLIGENCE STUDIES!

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The education of the Romanian National Intelligence Community's analysts has never been as complex as it is today. This complexity arises first from the intensification of hybrid threats, which pressure the training of future analysts and our capacity to evaluate them critically. International security events and internal unrest underscore the importance of risk mitigation capabilities. Secondly, digitalization, virtualization, and data management have created an intelligence cycle that must be faster, more precise, and overall more effective. Thirdly, intercultural interactions have become essential in our globalized society. Intercultural understanding fosters the reassessment of each experience and promotes empathy, tolerance, and appreciation for differing opinions. Moreover, grasping the intercultural landscape represents a milestone in intelligence analysis training. This is why the Faculty of Intelligence Studies celebrates its 10th anniversary with this special issue of the Bulletin of Linguistic and Intercultural Studies.

Continuously growing, the Faculty of Intelligence Studies is, in itself, a successful intercultural project that has matured significantly over the past decade. With more than 25 tenured professors and intelligence instructors, the faculty has become a unique crucible within the academic environment.

Today, the faculty is a leading provider of formal intelligence analysis and security studies training. It educates analysts from their initial training until they reach senior leadership positions within the National Intelligence Community. The faculty organizes university study programs (bachelor's and master's programs) and other highly applicable continuing professional development programs. Our graduates are reliable sources of performance and drivers of organizational change in the Defense, Public Order, and National Security System. Through our intercultural project, we harmoniously combine the scientific nature of intelligence studies with the practical aspects of the intelligence officer's profession.

I gladly accepted the editor-in-chief's invitation to convey these anniversary remarks, having in mind the following four objectives:

Firstly, I want to commend the maturity of the Faculty of Intelligence Studies project and its capability to effectively conduct intelligence analysis education and training.

Secondly, I would like to thank all the contributors to the Bulletin for their insightful articles and their ongoing effort to highlight the new trends in the field.

Thirdly, I would also want to praise and express my admiration for all our tenured professors, intelligence instructors, and administrative staff who have achieved high performance in this complex and volatile environment.

Fourthly, I would like to deliver my heartfelt greetings to all the students and alumni of the faculty who, through their professional activity, honor our faculty and make a meaningful contribution to our faculty's reputation.

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### Principal intelligence instructor Maria-Ruxandra PUJA, former dean of the Faculty of Intelligence Studies (2021-2023)

Dear students, graduates, colleagues, and partners of the Faculty of Intelligence Studies, We mark the tenth anniversary of the establishment of the Faculty of Intelligence Studies by taking the opportunity to reflect together, with gratitude and pride, on our remarkable academic journey. Ten years may not seem a long time in the life of a higher education institution. Still, I am confident that we have achieved maturity and complexity, evolved, and diversified our portfolio to achieve the relevance and quality expected by those who follow our programs and attend the events we organize.

We have had, and we intend to continue to have, a clear mission: to cultivate a dynamic professional environment; to achieve excellence in teaching activities and in the organization of academic events; to foster national and international partnerships; and to align with

the evolving security landscape, along with the internal and external challenges that inspire us to demonstrate resilience.

We have professionally tackled academic reforms at both the national and institutional levels without impacting the lives of students and learners. Additionally, we have implemented modern, innovative programs relevant to the professional work of junior officers in intelligence analysis and those who have modernized their work.

The current portfolio design results from the contributions of the Faculty staff, both teaching and auxiliary, as well as from all the partners within the Academy, the Service, and partner institutions, who have supported us in all the professional endeavors of the Faculty.

We must also extend our gratitude to the students and learners in our programs, whose continuous feedback has helped us achieve the levels of relevance and quality they expect. The commitment and involvement of everyone mentioned are essential elements without which the success of the Faculty could not have been attained.

In conclusion, we look forward to the future of the Faculty with hope. Whatever challenges we face - legislative dynamics in the field, disruptive technology, societal expectations, and national and international security shifts - I am confident that we will address them in a professional manner together, with courage, curiosity, integrity, and shared common goals, similar to the first decade.

Thank you for being part of our story!