



Dear Readers,

On the cover we present four new stadiums built in Poland: in Warsaw, Gdansk, Wrocław and Poznan. They will be places in which the 14th European Football Championship for national football teams organised by UEFA, commonly referred to as Euro 2012 will take place. The final tournament will be hosted for the first time by Poland and Ukraine, between 8th June and 1st July 2012, which after their bid was chosen by UEFA's Executive Committee in 2007. The tournament will start in Warsaw, Poland on 8th June 2012. In the opening match at the National Stadium in Warsaw the final tournament featured 16 nations, the last European Championship to do so. Qualification was contested by 51 nations between August 2010 and November 2011 to determine the remaining 14 finalists. The tournament was played across eight venues, four in each host country, five of which were newly built for the tournament. Aside from venues, the host nations have also invested heavily in improving infrastructure, such as railways and roads, at UEFA's request.

Euro 2012 will dominate all the events in Poland. The arrival of large groups of fans from all over Europe is expected and therefore hotels and restaurants are expected to be busy. This is the basic reason that 20th International Scientific Conference on Achievements in Mechanical and Materials Engineering AMME'2012 was moved from the traditional term in the first decade of June to the first half of September. Therefore we invite all delegates who are interested to come to Kołobrzeg on 9th – 12th September. We wish a nice reading of papers collected in this Issue of the Journal of Achievements in Materials and Manufacturing Engineering.

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