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# Editorial

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The *International Journal of Safety and Security Engineering* aims to provide a forum for publication of papers on the most recent developments in the theoretical and practical aspects of these important fields.

Safety and Security Engineering, due to its special nature, is an interdisciplinary area of research and applications that brings together in a systematic way, many disciplines of engineering, from the traditional to the most technologically advanced. The Journal covers areas such as crisis management; security engineering; natural disasters and emergencies; terrorism; IT security; man-made hazards; risk management; control; protection and mitigation issues.

The Journal aims to attract papers in all related fields, in addition to those given in the List of Topics, as well as case studies describing practical experiences. The study of multifactor risk impact will be given special emphasis. Due to the multitude and variety of topics included, the List is only indicative of the themes of the expected papers. Authors are encouraged to submit papers in all areas of Safety and Security, with particular attention to integrated and interdisciplinary aspects.

The Journal originated in the series of biannual conferences of the same name organised by the University of Rome "La Sapienza" and the Wessex Institute of Technology since 2005. The success of these meetings, the next of which is to be held in Antwerp from 4–7 July 2011 (see <http://www.wessex.ac.uk/11-conferences/safe-2011.html>) demonstrated the importance of providing a further vehicle for the dissemination of the work of the community as an addition to the periodic meetings. As such, this Journal is the culmination of work carried out over the last few years and in response to the wishes of the entire community.

The Editors hope that the Journal will continue to attract high quality papers focused towards the practical as well as the theoretical aspects of this expanding new field.

**The Editors**

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