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A Letter from the Outgoing Editor of IJNS

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Dear friends,

I entered upon service to IJNS as editor with the journal's founding in 2014; the first issue appeared in 2015. This current issue, Volume 7.1 (2022), marks the final issue of my tenure with IJNS. I have now retired from the faculty at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, USA, and am stepping down as editor of IJNS. Both things fill me with emotion. It has been an honor for me to know all of you who are working for the world's good in nuclear security and safety. I admire you and am deeply grateful to call you friends.

It has been a pleasure to meet with you at conferences, seminars, and workshops in Vienna and elsewhere, including online, hearing your wisdom and learning of your work. It has been such fun getting to know about your lives, interests, and impressive talents. It has been so valuable to read your scholarly articles and to collaborate with you as editors, reviewers, and promoters of the journal. Members of INSEN, in particular, have been so generous and active in all these regards. Thank you also for the generous help many of you have given to me and my students here at UTK, allowing us to collaborate with you and learn from you—about nuclear security, yes, but also about culture, diplomacy, and international and personal relations. You showed us what it means to transcend boundaries and become citizens of the world.

The journal will soon begin searching for a new editor-in-chief. In the interim, by agreement and authorization of the University of Tennessee's Institute for Nuclear Security, its Department of Nuclear Engineering, and its Department of English, Ms. Ashley Humphrey (ashley.ijnsutk@gmail.com) and Ms. Rachel Brooks (rachel.ijnsutk@gmail.com) will jointly manage IJNS as co-editors-in-chief. These skilled professionals are former students of mine, both have served the journal for many years, and both have independently managed special editions. The journal is in excellent hands with them, and they are already pursuing exciting new initiatives! I will continue to serve the journal in an advisory role, but management and decision making now fall to Ms. Humphrey and Ms. Brooks.

Thank you, friends, for your invaluable contributions to the *International Journal of Nuclear Security* and to the peace and safety of our world. With challenges and dangers accelerating all over the globe, your work is more important than ever. God bless you in your ongoing vital mission.

Sincerely,
Russ Hirst