

## Editorial Note

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In this opportunity, the Ship Science & Technology Journal starts the series of special publications with the best works presented during the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Ship Design and Naval Engineering Congress - ISDNEC held in the city of Cartagena de Indias on the 16, 17 and 18 of March, 2011 and whose objective was that of *“Consolidating a dissemination scenario supported on the process, exchange, development, and appropriation of knowledge related to the research, technological development, and innovation of the naval, maritime, riverine, and ports industries”*.

With an academic program conformed by three plenary lectures, 22 scientific papers, 16 technical papers, and two forums, the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Ship Design and Naval Engineering Congress – ISDNEC 2011 had attendees from Germany, Brazil, Ecuador, the United States, Spain, Panama, and Paraguay, again demonstrating COTECMAR’s commitment and leadership in the generation of synergy between the scientific community and naval technology. Likewise, we managed to position the Congress as the first event of this specialization at the national level and as one of the main scenarios for scientific dissemination for the naval, maritime, and riverine industry within the international context.

This edition is dedicated to works from the topic *“Design of maritime and riverine vessels”* specifically in areas of ship design and optimization, ship dynamics, hydrodynamic and ergonomics, whose opening was given by the keynote speakers: Dr. Apóstolos Papanikolaou, Professor of the National Technical University (NTUA) of Athens, Greece; Dr. Andres Cura, Professor of “Dynamics of Maritime Systems” at the Technical University of Berlin in Germany, and Dr. Jonathan Ross, Naval Architect, expert and consultant of the United States Navy on themes of integration of ergonomic factors in vessel design.

Lastly, I wish to share with our readers, authors, editorial committee, scientific committee, and editorial team the indexation in category “C” of the Ship Science & Technology Journal granted in March 2011 by Colombia’s COLCIENCIAS Publindex National Bibliographic Index, recognizing that our publication has scientific and editorial quality standards, stability, visibility, and national and international recognition, success key factors that permit us to offer our target audience up-to-date and specialized knowledge on themes related to naval engineering and architecture, as well as to marine engineering and oceanic engineering.

I thank all of you for this accomplishment.



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