



Dear Readers, Authors, Experts,

Dear Colleagues,

Introductory speech as a genre allows me to move away from the scientific style and express to you my gratitude as well as reveal my emotions. Whether because of or in spite of, but we have managed to make Customs Scientific Journal!

We together with our journal are evolving. We are developing gradually, but steadily, looking for support and expressing our appreciation to everyone for your knowledge and experience. Now we can already say with certainty that *Customs Scientific Journal CUSTOMS* has become one of the platforms, which facilitates learning and spreading of modern Customs techniques and standards for further use not only in the region, but worldwide, as it contains research papers written both by Customs officers, higher education and research institutions workers from various countries of the world and by international organizations representatives as well as Customs related businesses staff. What is important is the fact that the regional journal has become truly international: the authors and experts from different continents read and write to our journal.

We appreciate the contribution of each of you, our authors: beginning *from* the Heads of Customs Administrations and acknowledged scientists in the field of Customs affairs *to* Customs inspectors and young scientists (students, postgraduates). The view and experience of each of you are valuable. It is difficult to overestimate the contribution of experts, since due to their work the journal has been improving qualitatively all these years.

There is still much we need to do. But we together with you have already passed the way from the post-Soviet to the international standards of research results presentation. The journal is placed in several large-scale scientometric bases including Open Journal Systems (OJS), the information from which is read by all the major libraries and scientific databases worldwide!

Our next step – now we are going into the international scientometric base Index Copernicus! We hope that it will attract new authors, experts and readers. Are you with us?! We are sure that your answer is yes, because only together, due to our joint experience and knowledge we can rotate the wheel of modernization and progress more quickly.

Yours faithfully,

Olena Pavlenko

Editor-in-Chief

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