In June 2004 has been convened in the Polish Air Force High School at Dęblin, Poland, the first nationwide multidisciplinary Aviation Conference. Studies and papers presented at this conference by 40 eminent Polish scientists and experts have been issued by Professor Leonard Lukaszuk, LL.D., Ph.D. and Tomasz Balcerzak, eng. pilot, Ph.D. (as initiators and co-organizers of this conference) in this reviewed book, broad of topical problems of the contemporary aviation such as: civilization, culture, law, economics, security and defense. The main institutional organizers of this conference were: Institute of International Relations University of Warsaw, and its Foundation as well as the Foundation of the Polish Province of Printers Societas Verbi Divini at Pesejno, cooperating with the Polish Air Force and the Academy of National Defence in Warsaw as well as with the Polish Air Lines LOT and the "CENTRALWINGS" Airlines.

This very significant, innovative book is composed in seven parts, with foreword and two annexes. In the first part have been presented two articles on: program and scientific achievements of the conference, its humanistic and civilization's motives and on development of contemporary air law (L. Lukaszuk, T. Balcerzak, J. Zajączkowski). In the second part have been discussed issues of culture, civilization, professional ethics in aviation and education of aerial personnel, including qualification requirements, i.e.: Education of aviator's engineers at the Warsaw Technical University (a sketch of history) as a comprehensive article by W. Łojana and J. Narkiewicz; Documents on activity of the military School of Aviation's Maintenance' staff at Poznań, Poland (1926–1927); and short associations connected with the military aviation school at Dęblin, where we have studied and served fathers of professors L. Lukaszuk and J. Mitiński, authors of this references to; Inventions both as deciding in development and in contemporary nature of aviation and such ones used in the conquest of outer space and in development of cosmonautics (J. Rybak); Dutch in aviation (K. Szumielewicz); Aviation and missionary activity (E. Sława, SVO); Problems of development of careers of the pilots in civil aviation – circumstances and demands (T. Balcerzak); European license system for aviation personnel (M. Bujnowski).

Part III entitled: 'The air law before changes and new needs" contains papers on: 100 years of air law in short (M. Zyłko); The role of international organizations in formation of the air law system (W. Czórekiewicz); The 1944 Chicago Convention and activity of ICAO (M. Polkowski); The air transport in law and policy of the European Union – selected issues from the Polish perspective (L. Łukaszuk, T. Balcerzak); Air transport in European Union – legal and political aspects, an overview of problems (K. Zajączkowski).


Economical aspects of air transport and connected air infrastructure – new challenges and needs have been discussed in part five of this book, such as: Competitive location of the cheap air lines carriers on the market of air transport services (D. Kalka); Globalization of the air transport (K. Zajączkowski); Mathematical models and using of mathematical methods in planning of air transport (J. Tomaszewski); Transportation of cargo by air. Economical aspects carriage of goods (cargo) in air transport (D. Gołebiowski, M. Breza); New airport for Warsaw (R. Woźniak); Extending of the International Fryderyk Chopin Airport in Warsaw (M. Duszyński); General investment plan of the Warsaw’s airport (T. Przykucki, D. Sawicki).

In the part six have been presented problems of security in contemporary civil aviation, i.e.: Culture of security in aviation (M. Cieślarczyk); Problems of aviation's security (H. Krasiński); Security of air navigation (W. Niedzielski); Problems concerning the use of mobile cell phones and other electronic devices on the board of passenger plane – comparison of the regulations of some airlines (M. Duszyński, T. Balcerzak); New face of terrorism (T. Smoliński); Terrorism – man-portable air-attack missile systems (J. Baliński).

Part seven is devoted to show selected problems of the aviation in defence, peace and security service, such as: Contemporary army aviation (T. Zajączkowski); Military aviation's role in stabilization of peace and in local armed conflicts (Z. Bielawiec, R. Olczak); Meaning of the India air forces in the turn of XX and XXI Century (J. Zajączkowski). The future of military aviation – stimulation of changes and forecast of growth (R. Szyrski); From co-operation to integration – aeronautics arms industry in European Union (K. Bołotnicka-Bieńkowska); The role of civil aviation the State’s defense and security policy and in framework of international co-operation (M. Muszyński); Monitoring by air for environmental security of the Baltic Sea (L. Łukaszuk). As annexes were included: The Conference invitation form and the letter by the president of the Polish Civil Aviation Office.

This significant book is a kind of chronicle of heritage and development of law and policy of the Polish aviation, as a contribution to civilization and culture of Europe - Miriam SEGHRIL [Recibido el 17 de junio de 2007].