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Editorial

It is with great pleasure that we present the first issue of the *Journal of Risk, Insurance, and Safety (JRIS)*. This journal has been conceived as a platform for rigorous scholarship, critical analysis, and innovative contributions in the fields of risk management, insurance, and safety engineering.

Our mission is to foster a global dialogue that translates high-level quantitative and qualitative research into actionable strategies for industry practitioners, regulators, and academics alike. By publishing peer-reviewed studies that explore advanced safety protocols, behavioral risk dynamics, innovative insurance modeling, and regulatory policies, JRIS aims to be at the forefront of shaping safer, more secure global systems.

In this inaugural issue, the contributions reflect the diversity and depth of our scope. The papers collectively examine human factors in safety-critical mining operations, fatigue management, the impact of musculoskeletal disorders and ergonomic risks on workers' health and performance and the role of risk perception and institutional trust in shaping preventive behavior. They also highlight the growing importance of data-driven approaches such as machine learning in predictive maintenance and reliability, while addressing systemic perspectives on accident causation and regulatory practices. Together, these themes establish a strong foundation for the journal and demonstrate our commitment to advancing safety science through methodological rigor, interdisciplinary perspectives, and practical relevance.

An undertaking of this scale is never a solitary effort. I extend my profound gratitude to the members of our Editorial Board, whose expertise and dedication ensure the highest standards of academic integrity. I also thank our peer reviewers for their meticulous evaluation and constructive feedback, which form the lifeblood of any scholarly publication.

As we embark on this journey, we invite researchers, engineers, actuaries, and policymakers from across the globe to contribute their perspectives, empirical evidence, and research findings to JRIS. Together, let us build a robust body of knowledge that not only protects lives and assets today but anticipates the safety and financial challenges of tomorrow.

Welcome to the inaugural issue of the *Journal of Risk, Insurance, and Safety*.

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