FROM THE DIRECTOR

In this issue of The Journal, our Editorial section examines the relationship between improvised explosive devices (IED) and the International Mine Action Standards (IMAS). The evolving nature of humanitarian mine action (HMA)—particularly in areas such as Iraq and Syria—has generated debate on how to incorporate IEDs into the current IMAS or whether to create entirely new standards specific to IEDs. With thought-provoking contributions from Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining’s (GICHD) Guy Rhodes and Danish Demining Group’s (DDG) Robert Keeley, we welcome community feedback and contributions from the field for Issue 22.1 (Spring 2018).

Our Feature section focuses on stockpile management and highlights articles from Roly Evans and Erik de Brun (Ripple Design) on the Collaborative ORDnance Data Repository’s (CORD) 2018 upgrades, and Howard Rudat (MAPPS, Inc.) on his Landmines App mobile application. Additionally, this issue presents the research conducted by Andy Smith (University of Genoa) and William Bagley (Johns Hopkins University) on their Black Adder disruptors, which are designed to provide explosive ordnance disposal (EOD) operatives with open-source information on low-cost disruptors.

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