

From the Editor

In this issue of our journal you will find a paper on HIV testing and prevention in the cruise industry, being a continuation of the subject of several papers published in Nr 4/2010 of the IMH.

There are also papers on the psychological aspects in maritime medicine and a number of articles on the health problems of the military personnel sent on peacekeeping missions abroad.

Such contingents of soldiers usually carry out their missions in countries with hot tropical climates, their living and service conditions are difficult, and in addition to that they are exposed to injury and death in combat operations.

They may be compared to seafarers and organized groups of migrant workers from Europe assigned to various tasks in developing countries (construction works, mining, etc.), spending long periods of time there and being exposed to a hot climate with the risk of exotic diseases, work related accidents and injuries, and being separated from their families.

Tropical medicine, travel medicine, and occupational health specialists have conducted many surveys on the health problems of such groups of workers and have reported on their results, also in our journal. Therefore, we consider that these papers should be accepted and published in *International Maritime Health*, partly in the main issue: IMH no 1/2001, hoping that the experiences of Polish doctors in this field may be interesting to our readers.

Editor-in-chief