



Editorial

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Dear Readers,

You have before you the first issue of the new OTMC journal which we would like to be an incentive to development in the areas of organization, technology and management in the construction industry in the regions of Central and Southeast Europe. The journal is based on many years of work within the Department of Construction Management of the Civil Engineering Faculty of the University of Zagreb, in a constant effort to offer incentives for the development of science and the profession in this field. About thirty years ago, in 1981, the first conference on OTMC issues was held in Varaždin, with the participation of a large number of scientists and practitioners from the former Yugoslavia. Due to its great success the conference became a tradition and is held every few years. Faced with the new challenges of the transitional changes in our society, the destruction caused by the war in our homeland and globalization on a world level, in 1993 we organized the fourth conference on the Brijuni Islands with the motto "East meets West", with many participants from abroad. On that occasion we took a decisive new direction, moving towards strong international cooperation, as was confirmed in 2000 at the fifth conference in Dubrovnik, held with the support of the regional association for project management, SENET, and participants from 35 countries around the world. Alongside our firm commitment to international cooperation, we also recognized the importance of belonging to the regions of Central and Southeast Europe, with our joint history, problems, tradition and development. Therefore over the following few years we organized conferences with strong regional involvement in M. Draga, Zadar and Umag. In Umag in 2008 we suggested to our friends in the region that we should launch a new international journal,

which our colleagues from Greece, Hungary and the Czech Republic immediately supported. Unfortunately our efforts to resolve the issue of financing were unsuccessful, so in 2009 the Civil Engineering Faculty of the University of Zagreb made an important decision to take on the responsibility of launching and financing the journal itself, but with the participation and active support of the others. In our first issue we have decided to publish selected articles from the CIB W55 and W65 Conference, dealing with OTMC issues, which we organized and held in Dubrovnik in 2009, with the involvement of researchers, practitioners and university teachers from all over the world. The choice of articles for publication was made on the basis of the recommendation of the international review board of the conference and the editorial board of the journal.

I believe that the first issue of our OTMC journal will already clarify our goals of stronger regional links and flow of information, and give an additional incentive to the development of the area of organization, technology and management in the construction industry. Although we are primarily aiming at our region, we are in no way closed to ideas and articles from other parts of the world. Therefore we invite all researchers, practitioners and members of the academic community to contribute by their articles to the development and maintenance of this OTMC journal. We will be especially pleased to publish the results of research, best practice, case studies, ideas for solving complex problems, proposals for innovations or the results of experience with important projects.

Yours sincerely,

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