Dear Readers,

In the fourth year of publication of our journal, we recall the idea of a regional journal, launched during the regional OTMC conference, which gathers experts and academic staff from the fields of organization, technology and management in construction from the countries of central and south-eastern Europe. Together with our friends from the Czech Republic, Hungary and Greece, we established that we needed to launch a new incentive to develop our profession and research. The idea received a great deal of support from all the participants, especially from Slovakia, Austria and Slovenia, but unfortunately six years ago we did not find the appropriate financial platform. Therefore, we at the Civil Engineering Faculty of the University of Zagreb took on the responsibility and with the support of the Ministry of Science, Education and Sport, launched the journal in 2009. Our friends from abroad became actively involved in the work of the journal, since it was only possible to succeed together. Today our journal is stable, it has a constant supply of the required financing and proposals for publication, it is present on three international bases, and the editorial board includes prominent world experts. Our editorial policies are based on the promise that we will always publish papers from our region of central and south-eastern Europe, but also some from the global, international environment, since we do not want to and must not isolate ourselves.

This year, according to plan, we are launching an additional issue which will come out once a year, a special issue always devoted to a current topic. This special issue will be edited by a guest editor, and we have great pleasure in announcing that this year’s issue will be devoted to megaprojects, and edited by Prof. Naomi Brookes, Professor of Complex Project Management, School of Civil Engineering at the University of Leeds. At the same time we have organized a meeting of the editorial board, which will be held in November in the Czech Republic, at which a workshop will be held, in the presence of all members, to discuss the future and raising the quality of the journal.

Alongside all the positive achievements in the last edition, we also had our first case of a complaint regarding the originality of one of the papers published. Despite all the standard measures and documents our editorial board used in this context, within a few days of the publication of issue no. 2 vol. 3, Mr. Dzulkarnaen Ismail sent in a complaint regarding the originality of the paper entitled, “The Role of Project Management Consultant to Coordinate between Clients and Contractor,” submitted by Mr. Shweta Raut. After careful analysis by the editorial board and verification of additional information, it was established that the complaint was justified. Since the paper did not meet the standards of our journal and the level of originality, it was withdrawn from the journal.

We continue to invite all researchers, practitioners and members of the academic community to contribute through their articles to the development and maintenance of the quality of the OTMC journal. We would be particularly pleased to publish the results of research, the best practice, case studies, ideas for solutions for complex problems, proposals of innovations and the results of experience on important projects. Our journal is also open to young scientists and PhD students and their insights gained in the first years of their research work.

Yours Sincerely,
Prof. dr. Mladen Radujković
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