Dear Readers,

In the second issue of our OTMC journal we are publishing the second group of selected articles from the CIB conference in the field of management and economics in the construction industry (W55 and W65) held in Dubrovnik in September 2009 and organized by the Civil Engineering Faculty of the University of Zagreb. Although it was held in the difficult conditions of the global recession, which particularly affects the construction industry, the conference enjoyed great success. The very title of the conference: “Construction facing worldwide challenges” presents the choice of subject and the challenge for the participants at the conference, who came from all over the world. In view of the assessment of the importance of the conference for development in the area dealt with by this journal, the editorial board of the journal, in agreement with the international review board of the conference, selected six papers describing various aspects of OTMC issues. I believe that the selected articles will be an incentive for us to improve our practice and develop new ideas in research.

In the first year of our new OTMC journal we have paid attention to promoting it in the regions of Central and Southeast Europe. These regions belong to the global community, with which they share the universal global development of trends, but they also have their own long tradition and practice, in which construction has always been an important sector. It is our desire to recognize, monitor and deal with current topics from the field of organization, technology and management in the construction industry, and support the exchange and development of new ideas for advancement in this area. 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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