Dear Readers,

It is my great pleasure to share with you the praise and support we received on the launch of this new journal in the field of organization, technology and management in construction (OTMC). We are especially happy with the reaction and response from the regions of central and south-east Europe, which are the target areas covered by our journal. We thank all those who have sent in their suggestions and contributions.

Our first issue this year is dedicated to the jubilee of the Department of Construction Management at the Faculty of Civil Engineering of the University of Zagreb in Croatia, which is the mother institution of our journal. Over the past forty years the Department has been an initiator and leader in developments in the field of organization, technology and management in the region. From the article enclosed you may see the most important achievements by the staff of the Department, which has always been a producer of new ideas, a generator of development in the field and a place of support to others. Alongside the large number of students who have been taught OTMC, with the support of the Department colleagues, both men and women, have attained their doctorates and now lead or are developing similar departments at other universities.

Thirty years ago the idea of an OTMC conference was born in the Department, which is today internationally well-known, as well as the idea of a journal with the same title. Over the past ten years the Department has initiated and developed regional cooperation and especially excellent connections with colleagues from Prague, Brno, Ljubljana, Vienna, Graz, Budapest, Bratislava, Košice, Athens, Mostar and Munich... Staff from the Department have given lectures at many conferences around the world, where they have presented the results of their research. Alongside teaching and research work, the Department is also known for its professional work and cooperation with industry, where its staff take part in resolving the most complex problems in the field of OTMC.

I offer my sincere congratulations to all past and present staff of the Department for the results achieved, in the desire for this successful tradition to continue into the future.

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Yours sincerely,

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