

IN MEMORIAM

Prof. dr. sc. Ivica MANDIĆ

(1948.-2004.)

A few years ago *Automatika* presented our renowned scientist, professor Ivica Mandić, a new member of the Editorial Board. Nowadays, however, after the tragic end of Mr. Mandić, his wife Ivana and his son Luka in an unfortunate car accident, deeply distressed with this severe tragedy, we would like to express our gratitude for everything that Prof. Mandić had done during his work at the Faculty of Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering and Naval Architecture, at the Maritime Center for Electronics, in the Ministry of Science and Technology of the Republic of Croatia, and at the Associate Degree College – Department for Technical Studies of the University of Split.

Sharp-witted, sagacious, quick – Professor Mandić was a coveted co-worker in any institution. The University of Split, as well as other Universities in Croatia offered his family heartfelt sympathy. We have accompanied him to his resting-place and by this notice are paying ultimate homage.

Professor Mandić was born in Split on 13 June 1948. In 1973 he graduated at the Faculty of Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering and Naval Architecture in Split. In 1981 he defended his master's thesis at the Faculty of Electrical Engineering in Ljubljana, Slovenia, and his doctoral thesis in 1987 at the Faculty of Electrical Engineering of the University of Zagreb. From 1973 to 1987 he pursued his activities of assistant lecturer and from 1987 to 1992 of assistant professor at the Faculty of Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering and Naval Architecture in Split. In 1992 he was appointed associate professor and full professor in 1997. Within 1995–96 he was appointed technical director of the Maritime Center for Electronics in Split, active on projects related to defense requirements of the Croatian Army (ship's missile systems, ship's optical systems, coastal missile launching

equipment). In 1996 he was appointed Deputy Minister for higher education in the Ministry of Science and Technology. At his *Alma Mater* he held undergraduate and graduate courses on Automatic control of complex processes, Robotics and Automatic control of specific purpose equipment. He had written more than 100 scientific and technical papers. In 2004 he was writing the textbooks *Mechatronics* and *Process Modeling and Control*.

He acquired additional education in many reputable world centers, thereby establishing collaboration in research and technical projects between the Republic of Croatia and Brazil, Japan, China and South Africa.

Professor Mandić was a member of a number of national and international societies (KoREMA, Croatian Robotics Society, CROSS, IEEE, RIA, etc.) He was also a member of the Croatian Academy of Technical Sciences. In 1990 he established in Split »Hrvatski krug« (Croatian Circle), a non-party association of intellectuals, scientists, artists and businessmen. A person of social influence, Mr. Mandić was nominated Chairman of Managerial Boards and Councils in several institutions. In 1991 he was awarded the War Defense Memorial Medal. In 1995 the President of the Republic of Croatia awarded him the Order of Danica Hrvatska and the Figure of Rudjer Bošković medals for »merits for the liberation and development of Croatia and good relations with other countries«.

Your life, dear colleague Mandić, was abruptly brought to an end, but you had left behind the legacy that will be kept in our hearts.

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