



Dear readers, dear colleagues,

I address you on the occasion of my recent election as President of the *Croatian society for fuels and lubricants*, professional association that has been operating for six decades. With great respect for all the good that was done and thanks to all the predecessors, I will try to continue and maintain the unity of gathered engineering forces in order to improve profession and promotion of technical and technological development, and ultimately the economic development of Croatia.

In turbulent times we live in during the past decades, it was not easy to maintain the continuity of the GOMA, the maintenance of professional symposia, publishing magazines, *Fuels and Lubricants*, professional presence and impact on current processes. However, people that are today in the GOMA, or those whom I remember from some past time (as my renowned professors Josip Širola, Zvonimir Janović and Boris Prohaska; colleagues Ivan Zamberlin and Mihael Zambeli, always present colleague Ivo Legiša and many others) deserve to maintain continuity of the past fifty years. Special thanks go to my predecessors mr. sc. Neda Marčec Rahelić, who has helped with hers always positive approach, lots of invested energy and personal engagement to maintain the continuity of the valuable work of GOMA.

Nowadays there are still a lot of challenges, but also many opportunities for new breakthroughs. Changes are happening continuously and we must expect even to accelerated soon, by entering into new educational and economical integrating processes while joining the European Union, as well as intensifying competition. We are obliged to try to identify and exploit the possibilities that these processes bring along, the expected problems detect timely...

I will personally with my experience of working at the University, INA and MOL, aim to help the continuity of GOMA activities, along with colleagues from the Presidency, Vice-Presidents, Secretary and all members of our society.

To begin with, I invite you to join us at the **44<sup>th</sup> symposium Lubricants 2011, 20 - 21 October 2011 in Poreč !**

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