

# Foreword

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*Dear readers,*

*Since the beginning of our work we have received a great number of papers from a number of countries around Europe and even wider. The great number of high quality papers encouraged us to publish another special issue of our journal. We find the diversity of topics and different backgrounds and perspectives of our authors on educational issues to be our greatest asset.*

*It is well known that education is a complex topic. Nowadays, the issues education faces are no longer defined by nation or the level of education. Even though education differs from country to country, some issues are recognised globally. The special issue entitled: *Education in the Contemporary Society* presents a collection of ten papers from seven different countries (Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Malaysia, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain and Cyprus). In this issue we present papers that deal with topics of education that can easily be transferred to any educational level or any country. Trends in education caused by globalization processes such as deep crises and its impact on management of vocational education are considered in this issue. The papers reflect on changes in education and the labour market, the ability of schools to promote innovations as well as the privatization tendencies of education in the countries in transition. Some of the papers refer to methodologies of learning and teaching addressing the need for a correlation between educational subject content, experiments with group learning and inclusion of the local community and informal environments for learning. The papers included deal with the contemporary issues of private life and morals and justice of the education process.*

*All of the papers give valuable insight to education across different countries and deal with general issues of contemporary education.*

*We hope you enjoy reading this issue.*

*Editorial Board*

# Uvodnik

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*Dragi čitatelji,*

*od početka djelovanja Hrvatskog časopisa za odgoj i obrazovanje primili smo velik broj radova iz zemalja diljem Europe, ali i drugih. Velik broj kvalitetnih radova potaknuo nas je na objavu još jednog specijalnog izdanja časopisa. Prepoznali smo raznolikost tema i pozadine autora i radova, te raznolikost perspektiva o problematici obrazovanja kao našu najveću vrijednost.*

*Poznato je da je obrazovanje kompleksna tema. Problemi kojima se obrazovanje bavi danas nisu više obilježeni i ograničeni na nacionalnu razinu. Iako se obrazovni sustavi u pojedinim zemljama razlikuju, neki su problemi prepoznati na globalnoj razini. U ovom specijalnom izdanju pod naslovom: Obrazovanje u suvremenom društvu nalazi se deset radova iz sedam različitih zemalja (Bosna i Hercegovina, Hrvatska, Malezija, Rumunjska, Slovenija, Srbija, Španjolska i Cipar). To su radovi koji se bave obrazovnom problematikom koju je sasvim jednostavno transferirati na sve obrazovne razine ili zemlje, ali i radovi koji se bave trendovima u obrazovanju koje uzrokuju globalizacijski procesi, poput duboke krize, i njezin utjecaj na upravljanje strukovnim obrazovanjem. Radovi se bave i promjenama u obrazovanju i na tržištu rada, sposobnosti škola da promoviraju inovaciju, kao i trendovima privatizacije u zemljama u tranziciji. Dio radova odnosi se na metodologiju učenja i poučavanja. U njima se propituje potreba povezanosti nastavnih sadržaja, eksperimentira s grupnim učenjem i uključivanjem lokalne zajednice i neformalnog okruženja za učenje u nastavni proces. Objavljeni radovi bave se i suvremenom problematikom povezanosti privatnog života, morala i pravednosti obrazovnog procesa.*

*Svi radovi daju vrijedan uvid u obrazovanje u različitim zemljama i bave se općim problemima suvremenog obrazovanja.*

*Nadamo se da ćete uživati čitajući radove.*

*Uredništvo*