

## FOREWORD

### **25<sup>TH</sup> ISSUE OF THE JOURNAL "PODRAVINA"**

Upon entering into the 13<sup>th</sup> year of continuous publication, the multidisciplinary scientific journal Podravina is printed in its 25<sup>th</sup> issue. To date, 25 thick volumes with some 5000 pages have been printed on the Drava and Podravina regions, primarily on the Upper Podravina region in Croatia. About 250 scientific papers by esteemed experts and scientists from Croatia, Hungary, Slovenia, Austria and Czech Republic have been published, with the assessment of some 500 reviewers. Almost 300 reviews of books, journals and scientific meetings have been published. Over time, the journal has achieved an excellent reputation on the Croatian and international scientific scene. This confirms the great interest of scientists to publish their work in Podravina, and tells of the influence the journal has on the development of Croatian historiography, geography and associated sciences. It has been included in the global scientific databases (among others, the journal is cited in SCOPUS) and has received a high assessment of the Croatian Ministry of Science.

The regular publication of the journal is mostly due thanks to the authors themselves, who regularly submit high quality scientific papers, without requesting any payment. The entire editorial staff also works this way, performing their work responsibly. The preparation of the journal for print is made possible thanks to the keen assistance of the technical team of the Meridijani publishing company, which is also the founder and the publisher of the journal. Since the 21<sup>st</sup> edition, the co-publisher has been the Koprivnica Historical Society, and beginning from this issue, the North University from Koprivnica has joined on as another co-publisher, making Podravina that institution's scientific journal. With the entry of the professors of North University into the editorial board and the editorial office, the journal Podravina will certainly receive new stimulus to increase its quality and to include new scientists as authors of articles. On the other hand, we are certain that the journal Podravina will contribute to the development of scientific research in this young Croatian university.

Even in these conditions of economic crisis, the journal has succeeded with great efforts to secure the necessary material means for its printing, and has been published regularly. This would not have been possible without the understanding and support of the Ministry of Education, Science and Sport of the Republic of Croatia, Koprivnica-Križevci County and the Town of Koprivnica and, beginning from this issue, North University. Significant funds have also been invested by the publisher Meridijani to ensure its regular release.

On the occasion of the 25<sup>th</sup> issue of the journal Podravina, we would like to thank all the authors and other collaborators, our co-financers and especially the readers and users of the ever increasing number of scientific papers.

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