

CROATS IN HUNGARY

This special issue of *Migration Themes* has been prepared on the basis of papers presented at the scientific conference »Croats in Hungary«, held in Zagreb on September 14th 1990.

The conference had an interdisciplinary character, as is »reflected« in this issue. Presentations and papers treated the following topics: legal, sociological and political aspects of Croats in Hungary, language and literature, the ethnological aspect.

The texts published in this thematic issue were written by scientists/researchers, renowned authorities on the question of minorities in Hungary, most of whom have published books and numerous articles on the subject of Croats outside of Croatia/Yugoslavia, or else have studied minorities in general (A. Sekulić, S. Krpan, B. Vukas, M. Karagić, S. Hranjec).

The initial results of the scientific project »Cultural dimensions of the ethnic identity of Croats in Hungary« were presented at the conference, and we present them also in this issue. This project is being conducted by the Institute for Migration and Nationalities, under the direction of Sreća Perunović. It is the first empiric sociological study on a Croatian national minority to have been undertaken by an institution in Croatia/Yugoslavia (S. Perunović and J. Kumpes have been working on the empiric section, J. Grbić on the section »language«; T. Telišman is examining a special separate theme and M. Domini is researching the legal-institutional aspect of the Hungarian minority in the Republic of Croatia). A significant portion of the papers in this issue treat ethnological questions. These include the contributions of researchers of the Institute for Folklore Studies in Zagreb (J. Čapo, N. Ritig-Beljak, Z. Rajković *et al.*), two papers of researchers from Hungary (Đ. Šarošac, R. Begovac) and M. Černelić's contribution.

The scientific organisational committee of the conference accepted all applications to the conference. However, here we should note that the participation of our colleagues from Hungary — researchers studying subjects related to the conference theme — had been determined by decisions made in Hungary. In this issue of *Migration themes* we are publishing all papers submitted to the editorial board of the journal to the end of the established deadline.

Our journal is most pleased to be able, on this occasion, to publish the contributions of scientific researchers who are also members of the Croatian national minority in Hungary (in alphabetical order: Begovac, Karagić, Šarošac). Furthermore, we would like to extend an invitation to partake in our journal also to all other such researchers, whose work has not been included in this issue.