

IN MEMORIAM PROFESSOR EMERITUS MARIN BUBLE



Professor emeritus Marin Buble, Editor-in-Chief of *Management - Journal of Contemporary Management Issues*, has passed away, but he has left a legacy to be remembered by. Born in 1938 in Trogir, Croatia, he received all his degrees at the Faculty of Economics and Business in Zagreb (BSc in 1962, MSc in 1973, PhD in 1976). His work experience included management positions in chemical and shipbuilding industries. He served as a professor of management and organization at the Faculty of Economics Split, since it was established in 1979. Professor emeritus Marin Buble also served as the Dean of the Faculty of Economics in Split (1980-1982). Many innovations in the Croatian academic community can be attributed to professor Buble, who was the first author of a university textbook in the field of management in Croatia (1993). However, his work in organizational theory has been also notable, with several notable papers and textbooks on methodology of organizational design. The field of organizational theory has been enriched by his methodological contribution to the quantitative assessment of organizational structures and practices.

During his career, professor emeritus Marin Buble was the lead researcher in four national scientific projects and many professional projects, addressing practical challenges in management and organizational design. He will be remembered for his achievements and will continue to influence and inspire future generations of business students, as his legacy includes 30 scientific books/monographs and university textbooks and more than 150 scientific papers in international scientific journals and conference proceedings. His scientific impact was recognized in Croatia, as well as in the wider region, by many rewards, including the highest Croatian national award for scientific excellence.

Late professor Buble helped to establish the scientific conference “*Enterprise in Transition*” (which is now well-known under the name of “*Challenges of Europe*”), as well as founded this Journal, in which he served for 19 years as the Editor-in-Chief. He was also the member of editorial boards

of international scientific journals *Real Estate Valuation and Investment* and *Journal of East European Management Studies*.

Croatian and regional academic communities will remember his lectures on undergraduate, graduate and PhD programs, in the courses related to management, project management, strategic management and organizational design. For many years, he also led MSc and PhD programs at the Faculty of Economics in Split, as well as joint programs, developed with the Faculty of Economics in Mostar. Many master and PhD students cherish the memory of late professor Buble as a competent mentor.

Professor emeritus Marin Buble founded the Department of Management at the Faculty of Economics Split. He also significantly contributed to the design of new, Bologna-based curricula in the field of management, as well as inspired and facilitated the introduction of the Information Technology Management studies at the Faculty of Economics Split.

In order to remember, acknowledge, and appreciate professor Buble's work, all of his friends and colleagues are hereby invited for co-operation in producing the *Gedenkschrift*, to be published in one of the following issues of this Journal¹.

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