

**Assistant professor Neven Hadžić received the Annual Award for Junior Researchers at the ceremony held in the Croatian Parliament on the 15<sup>th</sup> of September 2015, for his achievements in the field of technical sciences in 2014.**

Neven Hadžić, was born on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November 1984. He completed primary and secondary school in Zagreb. In the academic year 2003/2004 he enrolled on a seven semester undergraduate course in naval architecture at the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering and Naval Architecture, University of Zagreb, where he graduated with the thesis *Form factor determination of the full, large breadth and shallow draught ship series* (mentor: Professor Nastia Degiuli). In the academic year 2007/2008 he enrolled on a three semester graduate study at the same Faculty, where he graduated with the thesis *Structural optimization of CONRO ship using sandwich panels in the superstructure decks* (mentor: Professor Vedran Žanić). In the academic year 2008/2009 he enrolled on a six semester postgraduate studies in naval architecture and marine engineering at the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering and Naval Architecture. He obtained his PhD degree in 2012 with the thesis *Restoring stiffness in the hydroelastic analysis of ship structures* (mentor: Academician Ivo Senjanović).

In February 2008, he was employed at the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering and Naval Architecture in Zagreb, Department of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering, as a junior researcher working on the EU projects FP6 DeLight and FP6 IMPROVE (coordinator for Croatia: Professor Vedran Žanić). In November 2009, he was employed at the same Department as an associate researcher. Under the mentorship of Professor Ivo Senjanović, he participated in the scientific project *Loading and Response of Ship Structures* supported by the Ministry of Education, Science and Sport, as well as in some industrial projects carried out at the Chair of Ship Structure Design for clients in Croatia and abroad. In addition, he participated in the EU project FP7 *Tools for Ultra Large Container Ships*, (TULCS, coordinator: Dr. Šime Malenica, coordinator for Croatia: Academician Ivo Senjanović) and the project GCRC-SOP set up by the Korean Government (coordinator for Croatia: Academician Ivo Senjanović).

He has published, as an author or a co-author with his colleagues from the Department of Naval Architecture and Ocean Engineering, more than 50 papers both in scientific journals and in the proceedings of the specialized conferences. He currently works as an assistant professor at the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering and Naval Architecture, University of Zagreb, teaching the course Ship Technology. The main fields of his research interest are different hydro-structure interaction problems, offshore renewable energy resources and structures, production system engineering, and ship production. Neven Hadžić lives in Zagreb together with his wife Jelena and their six children.



Assistant professor Neven Hadžić between Mr. Leko, President of the Croatian Parliament, and Professor Mornar, Minister of Science, Education and Sport of the Republic of Croatia

Ivo Senjanović