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Editorial

Here it is, the third issue of the Social themes. It is a confirmation of the rightfulness of its initiators' ideas and on the other hand of the need for a communication space built with Social themes, that had spread from areas of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the entire region and beyond, through Germany to Canada.

Through three years in which it has been released, certain changes occurred. The dynamics of each issue production introduced some people into focus and led away the other by force of natural changes. The other reason is the survival in an atmosphere where production of magazine is ignored by those who are expected to be its bearers and on the other hand unreservedly supported by others, its users.

The organization of complex technical tasks concerning the periodical required both efforts and risks, whose overcoming resources were ensured only with intrinsic motivation, with awareness that what they were doing was something really useful and important and good. Some faltered over time while others proved its firmness and perseverance so that there has been a change in the composition of our little team. Marija Žilić, head of the Association, was little by little voluntarily taking on herself most of the secretarial tasks in the magazine and its distribution in Mostar, so she officially became secretary of this periodical. We believe that also new brave, capable and hardworking pioneers will join her to share burden of implementation and maintenance of such a complex project because the periodical is growing, the number of quality articles is growing and it will not take much time before two volumes a year appear, what will greatly increase the scope of activities and the possibility of affirmation large number of associates.

There was no support in any key aspect necessary for survival of such a magazine, so the initiator remained alone, without encouragement, other than countenance of its users, and had to seek backing out of the basic, natural circle. Stroke provided financial assistance to Pro Scientia's having enabled at least the minimum of material resources for the inevitable costs of releasing magazines, such as printing. This is why The Stroke deserved a place as co-publisher of the journal. At the same time HRČAK included Social themes in content of its site, which will greatly affect its reception.

This issue offers a number of interesting papers among which the article dedicated to mobbing present in all working environment should be mentioned. Then there is the paper on a specific risk, traditionalist systematized forms of work and relations with children in institutions, as well as other papers devoted to this problem.

A specific place belongs to Professor Muhammad Dervišbegović, Ph. D., father and legend of science, study and practice of social work in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The circumstances of genesis of this article are really unusual and meaningful. During my last conversation with him last summer, rather long but interesting as always, he told me that he wished to give to Social issues a survey of the development of study and practice of social work in B&H. I accepted his idea with joy and eagerly waited for him to let me know about completing the article. Time passed, and then on October 3rd. 2016 a sudden news of his death hit me! Regardless of age, disease and the burden that tough times put on his shoulders during those 88 years of his life, which he wore so patiently as something self-understandable, the news sounded unreal, impossible and unacceptable! Such feelings occur only when someone enormously precious leaves us, someone close, ours.

That was him, not only for his family but for everyone who knew him. His appearance as a living shadow. He remained in our minds always calm, steady, bringing everywhere an atmosphere of joy, warmth and friendship, but also fresh ideas and ways of their accomplishment. Always straight forward, never furtively, arms stretched to support, help, overcome all resistance and reconcile the deepest differences! Now he's gone!? I was particularly sad about his last wish, at least one which I knew of – the release of his article which was agreed, but not fulfilled.

It would have been his last contribution to science, study and practice of social work, through a historical overview of the development of the study, practice and science of social work in the region - a tribute to all studies of social work in Bosnia and Herzegovina!

Luckily, by efforts of colleagues from Sarajevo, especially Sanela Šadić the article was found. So here's the article in this issue, where it was meant to be after its author's wish, to show us all, particularly young people, how the education of social workers started and developed until after the end of the last war in the region, before the social work studies boom, when schools for social work multiplied unexpectedly. This article is a kind of memento, the message to everyone in social work in B&H to come together and continue developing this complex science and practice important for this time more than ever, to bridge all gaps, overcome all barriers and move on - together! Step by step, first through the space of communication that Social themes offer and then beyond and on! Professor Dervišbegović could do it. Might we be worthy of the greatness of science we deal with and worthy of Dešo's greatness?