

UVODNIK

EDITORIAL

Naime, ovaj kratki uvodnik je moj posljednji u časopisu *Acta Economica et Turistica* pa moram zahvaliti svima koji su se u ovih desetak godina pojavljivali sa svojim tekstovima, mišljenjima i prijedlozima.

Dr. sc. Boris Vukonić, profesor emeritus
Glavni i odgovorni urednik

Tako je završio uvodnik u kojemu se prof. Vukonić, osnivač časopisa *Acta Economica et Turistica*, u posljednjem broju koji je uredio oprostio od svojih čitatelja i autora čije je radove objavljivao. Odlučio je završiti jedan od svojih mnogobrojnih poslova kao znanstvenik i urednik. Vjerojatno nije slučajno da se časopis koji je osnovao dosta prije ovoga (1989. godine) zove *Acta turistica* i još uvijek izlazi u izdanju Katedre za turizam Ekonomskog fakulteta Sveučilišta u Zagrebu, koju je, isto tako, on osnovao. A bio je na Ekonomskom fakultetu u Zagrebu i dekan, zamjenik dekana i prodekan.

Prije svega je bio i jest i sada znanstvenik turizma. Bio je to onda kada je to malo tko htio biti, i ostao je to i danas, kada to mnogi tako rado ističu i žele, često i bez nekog posebnog razloga i utemeljenog argumenta. U tom je neprekidnom traganju za novim pristupima i prije svega za obrazovanjem stručnjaka u području turističke djelatnosti osnovao 2004. godine i Utilus, Visoku poslovnu školu za turistički i hotelski menadžment s pravom javnosti, koja se skladno uklopila u Međunarodno Sveučilište Libertas. Naravno, nije moglo ni bez časopisa, pa je

Namely, this is my last editorial for the journal of *Acta Economica et Turistica*, and with it I would like to thank each author who has contributed with their papers, thoughts and suggestions in the last ten or so years.

Boris Vukonić, PhD, Professor Emeritus
Editor-in-Chief

This is the way in which professor Vukonić, the founder of *Acta Economica et Turistica* journal, ended his last Editorial for the previous issue of the journal, saying farewell to his readers and authors whose papers he had published. He decided to close one chapter in his proliferous work as a scientist and editor. It is probably not a coincidence that the journal he founded much before this one (in 1989) bears the name of *Acta Turistica* and is still published by the Department of Tourism of the Faculty of Economics, University of Zagreb, which he also founded. He also acted as dean, vice-dean and sub-dean at the Faculty of Economics in Zagreb.

He has primarily been a tourism scientist, even when there were few with the same ambition. And he remained one today, when many say they are or try to be one, often without a particular reason or well-grounded argument. In the incessant search for new approaches and above all, education of experts in tourism he founded Utilus, a business school of higher education for tourism and hospitality management in 2004, which later became one of the complementary constituents of Libertas

prof. Vukonić osnovao *Acta Economica et Turistica*, u kojemu mu danas posvećujemo uvodnik.

Prof Vukonić ima opus koji će malo tko od nas moći dosegnuti u svojoj akademskoj karijeri. Autor je 27 knjiga i udžbenika, napisao je više od 150 znanstvenih i stručnih članaka, na međunarodnim znanstvenim i stručnim skupovima održao je više od 80 referata. Dobio je visoka priznanja za svoj znanstveni ali i stručni rad, među kojima se posebno ističe nagrada za životno djelo, koju mu je dodijelila Svjetska turistička organizacija (engleski naslov nagrade: *Contribution to the Global Development, Research, Education and Training in Tourism*), a godinu dana prije toga dobio je priznanje svjetskog udruženja turističkih novinara.

I sada nešto sasvim intimno. Iz raznih razloga preuzeo sam uredništvo nad časopisom koji je pokrenuo i uspješno vodio jedan od bardova hrvatske znanosti o turizmu. Pokušat ću taj posao obaviti najbolje što umijem i znam, u mislima na dragog profesora koji mi je omogućio ovu poziciju, jer je pokrenuo ovaj časopis.

Želim Vam da uživajte, dragi profesore, u svojem Zagrebu i svojem istarskom utočištu.

Prof. dr. sc. Mladen Knežević
Glavni i odgovorni urednik

International University. This certainly could not happen without a scientific journal, so professor Vukonić founded *Acta Economica et Turistica*, in which we are dedicating this Editorial to him.

Professor Vukonić has an opus few of us could match in our academic career. He is the author of 27 books and textbooks, over 150 scientific and professional papers and has given over 80 presentations at international scientific and professional conferences. He has received numerous recognitions for his scientific contributions and professional work, the most prominent one being the lifetime achievement award by the World Tourism Organisation: *Contribution to the Global Development, Research, Education and Training in Tourism*. He also received a recognition by the International Federation of Travel Writers and Tourism Journalists a year before.

Finally, I would like to share something of a personal nature. I have taken over the role of editor-in-chief of this journal, which was initiated and successfully run by one of the bards of Croatian tourism science, for various reasons. I will make an effort to perform this task to the best of my knowledge and abilities, always having a dear professor in mind and feeling grateful for the opportunity he has given me by founding the journal.

Dear professor, I wish you many joyful years in your city of Zagreb and your Istrian retreat.

Mladen Knežević, PhD, Professor
Editor-in-Chief