A word from the Editorial Board

Dear readers, you have before you volume 76 of Krčki zbornik [Krk Almanac] published by the Krk Historical Society, which for the first time since its launch – way back in 1970! – is now being released under a new editor-in-chief. At the Krk Historical Society's regular annual assembly held in Malinska on 14 December 2019, a decision was made to elect new members to the administrative bodies in the Society and Krčki zbornik, so that, instead of the now deceased Academician Petar Strčić, Tomislav Galović, Ph.D., was elected to serve as Editor-in-Chief of Krčki zbornik. Galović was also elected to the post of secretary of the editorial board in charge of the Krk Almanac Library series, also replacing Strčić (who had held that post up until then), while the other members were re-elected to their posts. The Editorial Boards of Krčki zbornik retained all of its previous members, as follows: Assist. Prof. Anton Bozanić, Ph.D. (member), Danijel Ciković, Ph.D. (member), Perica Dujmović (graphic and artistic editor), Assoc. Prof. Tomislav Galović, Ph.D. (editor-in-chief), Assist. Prof. Maja Polić, Ph.D. (member), Milan Radić, MD (managing editor) and Assoc. Prof Franjo Velčić, Ph.D. (member). The assembly also confirmed the Editorial Board of the Krk Almanac Library, as follows: Assist. Prof. Anton Bozanić, Ph.D. (member), Perica Dujmović (graphic and artistic editor), Assoc. Prof. Tomislav Galović, Ph.D. (secretary and executive editor), Milan Radić, MD (managing editor) and Assoc. Prof Franjo Velčić, Ph.D. (member).

Here we would once more like to recall one of the co-founders of the Krk Historical Society and the founder and long-time Editor-in-Chief of *Krčki zbornik*, Petar Strčić (1936-2019). We owe him a debt of gratitude for everything he has done for the Krk Historical Society, the island of Krk and Croatian historiography as a whole.

Valuable and intriguing discourses, articles and other contributions can be found in several of the permanent and occasional sections of volume 76 of *Krčki zbornik*.

In **Studies and Papers** we offer three scholarly papers († Fr. Petar Runje, "History of the Conventual Franciscans in Krk, part I" / Supplemented by: Fr. Ljudevit Anton Maračić, OFM Conv.; Prepared for print and edited by: Tomislav Galović; Danijel Ciković, "...dalla parte di sotto dell'istessa Palla vi è l'Arma Frangipani...: The Silver Altarpiece of the Krk Cathedral"; Josip Tomašić, "The 1855 cholera outbreak in Baška recounted in two different ways").

In **Sources for the History of the Island of Krk**, we are presenting the paper by Josip Tomašić on "Marko Šorić's Baška chronicle" and a text by Ivan Martinaš about philately: "The first postal stamp from Krk. D'Annunzio's occupation of the Kvarner islands of Krk and Rab in 1920".

In this volume, the **Thematic Section** contains **Selected papers from the seminar** *Centenary of the First World War* held in Omišalj on 28 June 2014. The papers were gathered, prepared and edited by Anton Bozanić, Ph.D., Tomislav Galović, Ph.D., and Milan Radić, MD. We sincerely hope that in the near future a separate volume of proceedings from this seminar will see the light of day, as it already has a place and number reserved in the *Krčki zbornik* series: vol. 72, Special Edition, vol. 63: *Centenary of the First World War. Proceedings*.

In **Anniversaries**, Josip Tomašić writes about the "The Bloody Christmas of 1920 in Baška", while Damir Crnčić writes about the "70 years of the Krk Philatelic Society".

In **Criticism and Reviews, References and Notes**, we feature a report by Milovan Kirinčić from the observance of the 50th anniversary of the Krk Historical Society (1969-2019) and the presentation of volume 75 of *Krčki zbornik*, which was held on 22 June 2020 in the Franciscan Monastery of the Annunciation of Mary on the islet of Košljun. Fr. Daniel Patafta, Ph.D. (OFM) familiarizes us with the doctoral dissertation of Krk Bishop Ivica Petanjak, about the late 17th/early 18th century Dubrovnik preacher, diplomat and spiritual leader Mihael Anđeo Božidarević, published in its Croatian translation (*Mihael Anđeo Božidarević iz Dubrovnika, OFMCap. (1653. – 1729.). Propovjednik, diplomat, poglavar i duhovni vođa,* 2021), while Tomislav Galović tells us about the new monograph on the history, parishes and emigrants of Omišalj and Njivice by Anton Bozanić, Ph.D., *Omišalj i Njivice – povijesni hod, župe i iseljenici* (2020). In the interest of having a written record of a major event for the island of Krk – the

Founding Assembly of the Matica hrvatska/Matrix Croatica Branch Organization in Krk - we asked Prof. Gordija Marijan, the Branch president, to provide a report. And we take this opportunity to once more congratulate the members of Matica hrvatska/Matrix Croatica, the oldest Croatian literary and cultural institution, in Krk. We look forward to our future collaboration! In this section we also present the "Welcome Address" by Prof. Željko Holjevac, Ph.D., the president of the Society of Croatian History and the director of the Ivo Pilar Social Science Institute in Zagreb, which he delivered at the opening of the 6th Congress of Croatian Historians held at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences in Rijeka on 29 September 2021, and in which he also had some nice words to say about the Krk Historical Society, one of the co-organizers of the Congress. In addition, with the permission of the Office of the President of the Republic of Croatia, we republish here the text from the website www.predsjednik.hr: "President Milanović received the participants of 6th Congress of Croatian Historians".

In this volume there are – unfortunately – two obituaries in the *In memoriam* pages, for Prof. Milivoj Dujmović, Ph.D. (1936-2020) and Josip Seršić, MD (1948-2020).

As usual, the back pages of *Krčki zbornik* contain the **Report on the work of the Krk Historical Society** (for 2020 and 2021) compiled by Milan Radić, MD, the Society's president, and the **Guidelines for Contributors**.

Here we would like to express our gratitude to all local governments on the island of Krk – especially to the Malinska-Dubašnica Municipality and the Town of Krk – for their understanding and support, whereby they ensure the regular annual publication of *Krčki zbornik*.

The Editorial Board of *Krčki zbornik* calls on all potential contributors to send their papers for the next volume of the journal to the e-mail of the Krk Historical Society: povijesno.drustvo.otoka.krka@gmail.com or krcki.zbornik@gmail.com