

After a somewhat longer period of time a new, 69th in the series, volume of *Krčki zbornik* (*Krk Almanac*) lies before its readers, this time with mixed content, i.e. as a journal/annual published by the Historical Society of the Island of Krk ever since 1970 when the first issue was printed. It should be noted that the publication as such had been regularly published in the past period, but the volumes were actually monographs written by individual authors which bore the sign of *Krčki zbornik* along with the indication of *Special edition*.

The present volume is arranged in several thematic sets. The basic one is *Studies and articles* in which seven scientific/ original scientific papers are published (Petar Runje, Radovan Oštrić, Franjo Velčić, Danijel Ciković, Juraj Lokmer, Ljubomir Radić, Ivan Kirinčić) two of which are to be continued in the following volume. After that comes the set *Materials for the history of the Croatian diaspora in the United States of America* (Tomislav Galović) and *Materials for the history of the Croatian War of Independence 1991-1995* (Željko Juranić). Since it was planned for 2009 to publish a separate brochure or a special edition of *Krčki zbornik* to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the *Krk Historical Society*, but these plans had to be abandoned for objective reasons, therefore we bring here appended the *Featured topic: 40 years of the Krk Historical Society (1969-2009)* in which papers dedicated to this jubilee are included (Petar Strčić, Milan Radić, Tomislav Galović, Perica Dujmović). In the last part the reader will find the *Reviews and announcements, comments and notices*. Unfortunately, in this volume there is also an *In memoriam* section with the necrology *Alojzije Raguzin – priest and writer (1915 – 2011)*.

On this occasion we wish to thank the authorities of the local self-administration – Town of Krk, Municipality of Baška, Municipality of Dobrinj, Municipality of Malinska-Dubašnica, Municipality of Omišalj, Municipality of Punat and Municipality of Vrbnik – for their understanding and support and for having agreed to be co-publishers of *Krčki zbornik* thus ensuring its regular annual publication.

Finally, the editors of *Krčki zbornik* call upon the potential contributors to send in their papers for the new volume of *Krčki zbornik* to the e-mail address of the Historical Society of the Island of Krk: povijesno.drustvo.otoka.krka@gmail.com or krcki.zbornik@gmail.com.