

EDITORIAL

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During the participation in the 17th International Cartographic Conference held in September 1995 in Barcelona, the director of the State Geodetic Administration and at the same time the president of the editorial board of *Geodetski list*, Mr. Branimir Gojčeta, brought out an idea of issuing an occasional publication honouring the receipt of Croatia into the International Cartographic Association - ICA. After returning to Zagreb and arranging rather extensive gathered material, I have made suggestions to him referring to the contents of such a publication. Taking into account the proposal of Prof. Dr. Paško Lovrić, and backed up by the agreement of Prof. Dr. Nedjeljko Frančula, the chief editor, it has been decided that the occasional issue is to be an extra number of *Geodetski list* and to be edited by M.Sc. Miljenko Lapaine.

The original title of the issue was *Croatian Cartography in Barcelona '95*. It also implies the aim that the publishing of this extra number of *Geodetski list* was to reach. The intention is to leave a written evidence of the participation of Croatian cartographers at the 17th International Cartographic Conference within the scope of which Croatia was accepted into the International Cartographic Association which is most certainly one of the more significant events in the history of Croatian cartography.

In order to realize the idea, I have asked all Croatian cartographers who have participated at the Cartographic Conference in Barcelona to help me. Many of them responded and their contributions can be found on the pages to follow.

Although this issue of *Geodetski list* as referring to its format and title, is actually the old *Geodetski list* that we are already used to and that is being published continuously for fifty years already, there are still many things that make this extra number a special one. I am going to point out only the most important characteristics. First, the appearance of the cover pages has been changed, modernized and made in four-colour print. This step forward has been done on purpose to announce and emphasise special contents by the exterior appearance itself. Furthermore, larger number of colour photographs and illustrations provides a new dimension which will, I hope, make the offered texts more attractive. On the model of some other journals, the most papers are accompanied by the photographs of authors with his/her basic personal data. Finally, considering the orientation of Croatia towards the world, a selected number of articles has been printed in English as well.

At the end of this editorial, I would like to thank to everyone who have helped me in this work. I especially appreciate the help of the chief editor, Prof. Dr. Nedjeljko Frančula, who has, as always in many other situations, lead me and has together with me been anxious about the final result.

I express my thanks to all authors - the collaborators in the preparation of this extra issue, to have found the time to write and to have accepted single minor suggestions of reviewers or editor.

The reviewers, Prof. Dr. Paško Lovrić and Prof. Dr. Nedjeljko Frančula have read all the papers very carefully. I believe that the authors themselves have made the job for the critics easier in advance.

Mrs. Branka Makovec has made the Croatian language proof reading, while the necessary translations into English have been performed by Biserka Fučkan Držić and Miljenko Lapaine, as properly as they could do it.

The photographs from Barcelona have been given to the disposal of the editor by Branimir Gojčeta, Filip Racetin, Radovan Solaric and Aleksandar Tonsetić.

The cover design, and then the entire graphic design and the preparation for printing of this special issue has been made by Mr. Ivan Doroghy, while the longtime partner of *Geodetski list* - *Grafički zavod Hrvatske* has been given the charge of printing it.

Finally, but also of the greatest importance, I would like to point out, that this special issue would have never been published if the State Geodetic Administration had not provided for the financial support. Therefore, I express my special thanks to our Administration, as well as to the geodetic firms: *Zavod za fotogrametriju d.d. Zagreb*, *Geodetski zavod Osijek*, *Geodetski zavod Rijeka* and *Geodetski zavod Split*.