

## 30 Years of »Collegium Antropologicum«

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### Editorial

With this concluding issue of the journal in 2007, it is our extreme pleasure to congratulate to all past and present members of our Editorial Board, Editorial Council and Consulting Editors and our publishers in LaserPlus Ltd. on this 30th anniversary of our mutual efforts combined under the name of the journal *Collegium Antropologicum*. Our special thanks immediately go to all the authors, reviewers and our entire readership for their support and their trust without which this celebration would not be possible. Our gratitude is also due to the Ministry of Science Education and Sport of the Republic of Croatia, for their continuous financial support.

In a celebration of such validated continuity of recognized scientific output it is appropriate to reflect on several hallmarks of the journal's history. In October 1976 the European Anthropological Association was founded in Zagreb. In September, 1977, the First Congress of European Anthropologists took place also in Zagreb, and it was on this occasion that the first issue of the journal appeared. H. Maver, P. Rudan, A. Sujoldžić and D. Dimov as the founders of the journal addressed the readership in their editorial where they envisioned *Collegium* as »...a place of anthropology as a natural science in contemporary society«, and expressed their hope that in the future it would succeed in becoming a forum for the presentation and discussion of important issues providing information about results of our investigations, and a place of permanent education<sup>1</sup>. It can be without any doubt affirmed that the future, 30 years ahead from the time those lines were written, definitely fulfilled the founders' hopes.

*Collegium* today is one of the very few Croatian journals indexed in Current contents. It has been present in this prestigious database since 1982. *Collegium* is also renowned for its multidisciplinary and diversity of its contents. Hubert Maver and Pavao Rudan have acted as editors-in-chief for 30 years, tenaciously trying to preserve its variegated thematic orientation as well as holistic approach in analyses of new problems and challenges. In this past period, marked by an unseen explosion of

world science and its subdisciplines, editors have successfully resisted the tendency for specialization which is still the global trend in scientific publications. Thus they justified yet another point stated in the founders' first editorial: »We believe that we can also learn much from the publications of other anthropologists originating from the most diverse sociocultural, economic and political environments and representing contributions of the human mind and intellect, which, we hope, will benefit man.«<sup>1</sup>

Impact analysis of *Collegium Antropologicum* published in 2005<sup>2</sup> revealed the importance of adhering to the journal policy implemented by the editors thus far. The study showed that »the core of the journal impact is defined by interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary studies of special populations, both in Croatia and across the world.«<sup>2</sup> The analysis also formulated the strategy of the journal as »relying on the studies of special populations in both Croatia and internationally, supplemented by publications of interesting biomedical and biocultural research by promising Croatian groups.«<sup>2</sup>

It should be noted, that even during the war in Croatia (1991–1995) the journal's issues managed to maintain the quality of the contents due to contributions from both local and international scientists who were friendly enough to support the journal during those perilous times. One of the most important recognition received from international scientific community came in 2003 when Thomson ISI bimonthly web-product »ISI Essential Science Indicators« reported that »*Collegium Antropologicum*« was the most improved journal in the world in the category of Social sciences during the period from July 2002 to September 2002. The importance of this recognition was remarked by the editors in appropriated article in a 2003 issue: »To us, this is the first sign that we managed to survive the hardship brought to us by war and scientific isolation. Hopefully, we should now begin to look ahead with a degree of optimism.«<sup>3</sup>

In Table 1 the data on journal's impact factor dynamics through the last decades is presented. A steady increase

**TABLE 1**  
IMPACT FACTOR DYNAMICS OF THE JOURNAL COLLEGIUM  
ANTHROPOLOGICUM IN 1982-2006 PERIOD

Year	Impact factor
1982	0.170
1983	0.225
1984	0.462
1985	0.070
1986	0.083
1987	0.067
1988	0.059
1989	0.119
1990	0.121
1992	0.132
1993	0.197
1994	0.163
1996	0.254
1997	0.331
2000	0.355
2001	0.414
2002	0.306
2003	0.356
2004	0.373
2005	0.325
2006	0.349

in impact factor reasserts the position of continuity in the journal's strategy and scientific excellence. In this regard, an encouraging remark also came from a bibliometric study of Penava 2003<sup>4</sup> who informed us that according to ISI database Journal Citation Reports for 2001, among all the journals in the field of anthropology, Collegium was ranked with 27<sup>th</sup> place. The persisting rise in the number of papers published per year (Table 2) together with the fact that starting from 2006 Collegium increased its frequency and is now published quarterly; shows the readiness of the journal to respond to the growing need for output of scientific data especially from Croatia. Here it is important to point out that although regarded as a regional scientific journal the findings of the aforementioned Rudan et al. 2005<sup>2</sup> clearly confirmed the international orientation of Collegium with participation of scientists from more than 50 countries of the world.

As a conclusion and yet another present for the journal's birthday we would like to announce that Collegium has determinedly turned to Internet as one of the most im-

**TABLE 2**  
NUMBER OF PUBLISHED PAPERS PER YEAR IN COLLEGIUM  
ANTHROPOLOGICUM IN 1977-2006 PERIOD

Year	Number of papers
1977	13
1978	30
1979	36
1980	37
1981	23
1982	22
1983	24
1984	24
1985	30
1986	21
1987	37
1988	38
1989	33
1990	37
1991	37
1992	59
1993	49
1994	64
1995	58
1996	76
1997	64
1998	110
1999	77
2000	81
2001	100
2002	108
2003	133
2004	169
2005	163
2006	137
Total	1890

portant mediums of disseminating scientific data in the modern world. Therefore starting from this year, Collegium will have new webpage available at the address [www.CollAntropol.hr](http://www.CollAntropol.hr) with all articles published from 2000 onward available for free access. The rest of the Collegium archive will also shortly be made accessible in the coming year. Hopefully this gesture will be a mark of a new period for Collegium where internet technology will help the journal to respond better to the needs of the scientific community by enhancing the visibility of the journal, and eventually its scientific impact.

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