

On the Occasion of the Fiftieth Volume of the Journal
*Contributions to the Research of Croatian
Philosophical Heritage*

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This year we commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of publication of the journal *Contributions to the Research of Croatian Philosophical Heritage*. In 1974, the journal was initiated by the then-director of the Institute of Philosophy, Vladimir Filipović, with the aim of publishing texts about Croatian philosophers who were still fairly unexplored at the time. The members of the Editorial Board for the first volume were: Marija Brida, Vladimir Filipović, Kruno Krstić, Ljerka Šifler-Premec, and Franjo Zenko.

In the first volume, the works were published by authors, none of whom are alive today: Kruno Krstić, Vladimir Filipović, Franjo Zenko, Heda Festini, Zlatko Posavac, Marija Brida, Tomislav Ladan, Ljerka Šifler-Premec, Stjepan Kراسić, and a reissue of Franjo Marković's rectoral address.

From 1976, reviews of books began to be published in the *Contributions*, and from 1983, articles were categorized as "original scientific article", "preliminary communication", "review article", and "professional article". Over the years, the journal began to publish reviews of philosophical events related to Croatian philosophy (book launches, symposia, lectures, exhibitions, roundtables).

A special and particularly valuable task of the *Contributions* is the publication of original texts by Croatian philosophers. These include original manuscripts, translations of manuscripts, and bibliographies of Croatian philosophers, with the aim of familiarizing readers with the still unknown works of our thinkers.

The *Contributions* have published texts by distinguished domestic and international philosophers: Paul Richard Blum, Lina Bolzoni, Luciana Borsetto, Francesco Bottin, Hanna Barbara Gerl, Karl-Heinz Geschmann, Maria Muccilo, Andrea Pagani, Wilfried Potthoff, Eugene E. Ryan, Micaela Rinaldi, Cesare Vasoli, just to name a few.

This is an opportunity to remember all the chief editors who have led this journal since its foundation. Over its long history, the *Contributions* have had

several chief editors. In addition to the aforementioned Vladimir Filipović, this role was held by Franjo Zenko, Erna Banić-Pajnić, Damir Barbarić, Ljerka Schiffler, and Ivica Martinović. Currently, the chief editor of the journal is Ivana Skuhala Karasman.

As the current chief editor, I take special pride in editing one of the longest-running philosophical journals in Croatia, which has been continuously published since its inception in 1975. It has survived several states and social regimes, a war, not to mention the numerous financiers of this journal that we do not even attempt to count. The *Contributions* are the only journal in Croatia, and very likely in the world, dedicated exclusively to Croatian national philosophy, and its value has been recognized by its inclusion in the list of prestigious domestic journals, categorized as A1, since the very existence of this categorization. However, considering the increasing demands of the globalized world for international recognition, the *Contributions* have been adapting with a growing number of texts published in foreign languages, especially English, in the last four years.

I would like to thank all the previous editors, members of the Editorial Board, and authors of texts who have contributed to the longevity and quality of this journal. Through my work, I will contribute to ensuring that *Contributions* continue to meet the needs of the times and remain a significant philosophical journal in Croatia.