

## **President of the Republic of Croatia Prof. Ivo Josipović, Ph.D. has visited the Croatian Academy of Engineering**

On Wednesday, September 15th, 2010 the President of the Republic of Croatia Prof. Ivo Josipović, Ph.D. with associates paid a visit to the Croatian Academy of Engineering in Zagreb, Kačićeva 28. He has met the members of the Governing Board of the Academy lead by its President Prof. Stanko Tonković, Ph.D. Members of the Academy



have informed the President about the history, organization, activities, publications and aims of the Academy from its foundation in 1993 up to now, and thanked him for the visit and interest in the work of the Academy. Special attention has been paid to the results obtained at home and abroad, as well as to the association with other related Academies around the world. Members of the Governing Board of the Academy acquainted the President with their plans for the future and wishes that the Government, the Croatian Parliament, ministries and economic sector of Croatia would benefit even more from the knowledge and experience of the members of the Croatian Academy of Engineering. Some of them are more renowned abroad than at home (best emphasized at the presentation of the latest achievement of Croatian scientists called

“Infraredesign”, also having been presented to the President of the Republic of Croatia).

The President has pointed out that education in the field of engineering sciences and application of technical achievements in industry today represent some of more important factors for the faster coming out of the recession we have found ourselves in. Without a more significant integration of technical and biotechnical achievements within our economy, Croatia could not set off with its technological development and preserve the quality of its environment, with the possible lag behind to be perceived in particular at the moment of entering the EU.



During his visit the President has received a Medal of the Croatian Academy of Engineering, the highest recognition the Academy awards to individuals, the importance of which could best be suggested by the fact that the President of the Republic of Croatia is only the second person receiving the Medal.

*Stanko Tonković*