

## The Beginning of a New Era

The Croatian Academy of Engineering, HATZ, was founded in 1993, when the first members were elected. Every two years the Assembly of Academy decides upon the new members who are nominated by the R&D Institutes, Faculties of Engineering of the Croatian Universities and those who have responded to public invitation.

The election of full and associate Members who are university professors and senior scientists is limited to 120. Affiliated Members are professionals and scientists. Honorary Members are distinguished, national and foreign experts who have achieved notable results in the field of engineering.

*The Academy acts as a whole*, organized in twelve Departments lead by the Department Secretaries.

The Presidency of the Academy is composed of the Department Secretaries and Chairpersons of five permanent Boards, and are lead by the President of the Academy and Secretary General, assisted by two Vice-presidents.

From 1998, two important advisory bodies have supported the Presidency in co-operation with the academic community and industry. Their establishment marks the beginning of a new era in the Academy's conduct. Those bodies are:

(a) *The Council for the Promotion of Engineering*, which is the forum of the Deans of the Faculties of Engineering of the Croatian Universities; and

(b) *The Council for Economy and Industry*, in which distinguished industrial leaders and experts serve as members together with representatives of the Croatian Chamber of Commerce. The Council is competent for discussions on various questions of industrial policy, and on the role of engineering in industrial and economic development, on the co-operation of the Academy and industry, and research and development organizations.

