59th Annual General Assembly of the Croatian Academy of Engineering

On June 8, 2026, the 59th Annual Assembly of the Croatian Academy of Engineering (HATZ) was held at the University of Zagreb Faculty of Chemical Engineering and Technology. The Assembly consisted of a working session and a formal ceremony.

During the working session, members were informed about the Academy's financial operations, as well as the activities and results of HATZ during the 2022–2026 mandate period. The new Governing Board of the Academy for the 2026–2030 mandate period was presented, along with the newly elected department secretaries and deputy department secretaries.

The new Governing Board for the 2026–2030 mandate period consists of:

- Prof. Bruno Zelić, PhD, President;
- Prof. Neven Duić, PhD, Vice-President;
- Prof. Jana Žiljak Gršić, PhD, Vice-President;
- Assoc. Prof. Mario Bačić, PhD, Secretary-General; and
- Prof. Emeritus Vedran Mornar, PhD, Member of the Governing Board.

The newly elected department secretaries and deputy department secretaries are:

HATZ Department	Department Secretary	Deputy Department Secretary
Department of Architecture and Urban Planning	Assoc. Prof. Željka Jurković, PhD	Prof. Karin Šerman, PhD
Department of Bioprocess Engineering	Prof. Blaženka Kos, PhD	Prof. Drago Šubarić, PhD
Department of Electrical Engineering and Electronics	Prof. Josip Lorincz, PhD	Prof. Damir Sumina, PhD
Department of Energy Systems	Prof. Emeritus Zvonimir Guzović, PhD	Prof. Damir Šljivac, PhD
Department of Civil Engineering and Geodesy	Assoc. Prof. Mario Bačić, PhD	Prof. Mladen Zrinjski, PhD
Department of Graphic Engineering	Prof. Ivana Bolanča Mirković, PhD	Prof. Jana Žiljak Gršić, PhD
Department of Information Systems	Prof. Dinko Begušić, PhD	Prof. Domagoj Jakobović, PhD
Department of Chemical Engineering	Prof. Nenad Bolf, PhD	Prof. Gordana Matijašić, PhD
Department of Communication Systems	Prof. Snježana Rimac-Drlje, PhD	Prof. Mario Muštra, PhD
Department of Transport	Prof. Borna Abramović, PhD	Prof. Edouard Ivanjko, PhD
Department of Mining and Metallurgy	Prof. Mario Dobrilović, PhD	Prof. Zdenka Zovko Brodarac, PhD
Department of Mechanical Engineering and Naval Architecture	Prof. Lovre Krstulović-Opara, PhD	Prof. Nastia Degiuli, PhD
Department of Systems and Cybernetics	Prof. Andrej Jokić, PhD	Prof. Mato Baotić, PhD
Department of Textile Technology	Prof. Snježana Firšt Rogale, PhD	Prof. Željko Penava, PhD

Reports were also presented on the Academy's publishing activities, including a special presentation of the new 2025 edition of the HATZ Annual. The Annual contains 17 scientific, professional, and review papers by Academy members addressing the application of artificial intelligence in technical and biotechnical sciences.

During the formal ceremony, diplomas were presented to the newly elected Members Emeriti, Full Members of the Academy, Members of the Economic Council, and representatives of the new Supporting Members. The Academy's 2025 awards were also presented to their recipients.

The Assembly was attended by Academy members and distinguished representatives of the scientific and business communities. The participants were welcomed by Prof. Ernest Meštrović, PhD, Vice-Dean for Business Affairs at the University of Zagreb Faculty of Chemical Engineering and Technology, and Mr. Luka Jelić, President of the Croatian Engineering Association (HIS).

The status of HATZ Member Emeritus was awarded to:

- Prof. Emerita Jagoda Šušković, PhD, from the Department of Bioprocess Engineering;
- Prof. Muhamed Sućeska, PhD, from the Department of Chemical Engineering;

- Prof. Karolj Skala, PhD, from the Department of Communication Systems;
- Prof. Dragan Čišić, PhD, from the Department of Transport;
- Prof. Tonči Mikac, PhD, from the Department of Mechanical Engineering and Naval Architecture;
- Prof. Zdravko Virag, PhD, from the Department of Mechanical Engineering and Naval Architecture;
- Prof. Vladimir Medved, PhD, from the Department of Systems and Cybernetics;
- Prof. Emeritus Nedjeljko Perić, PhD, from the Department of Systems and Cybernetics; and
- Prof. Emeritus Darko Ujević, PhD, from the Department of Textile Technology.

The status of HATZ Full Member was awarded to:

- Prof. Zoran Veršić, PhD, from the Department of Architecture and Urban Planning;
- Prof. Đurđica Ačkar, PhD, from the Department of Bioprocess Engineering;
- Prof. Damir Šljivac, PhD, from the Department of Energy Systems; and
- Prof. Martin Žagar, PhD, from the Department of Information Systems.

The status of Member of the HATZ Economic Council was awarded to:

- Siniša Krajnović, PhD, President of the Governing Board of Ericsson Nikola Tesla d.d.;
- Zdravko Mužek, MSc, Director of Ekonerg holding d.o.o.; and
- Krešimir Paić, BSc, Director of ECCOS Inženjering d.o.o.

The status of HATZ Supporting Member was granted to the following companies:

- ECCOS Inženjering d.o.o.;
- Ekonerg d.o.o.;
- Ericsson Nikola Tesla d.d.; and
- ITCR d.o.o.

The Croatian Academy of Engineering Awards for 2025 were also presented at the Assembly.

The Lifetime Achievement Award "Power of Knowledge" was presented to Prof. Franjo Jović, PhD, from the Department of Systems and Cybernetics, in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the work of the Academy, his lifelong scientific research in engineering sciences, and his longstanding contribution to the advancement of the profession, with particular emphasis on the application of research results.

The Annual Awards "Rikard Podhorsky" were presented to Prof. Borna Abramović, PhD, from the Department of Transport; Prof. Nastia Degiuli, PhD, from the Department of Mechanical Engineering and Naval Architecture; and Prof. Mario Vašak, PhD, from the Department of Systems and Cybernetics. The awards recognize distinguished scientists for particularly valuable scientific and professional achievements with practical applications, contributions to improved cooperation with industry, as well as outstanding contributions to the work of the Academy and its international recognition over the past five years.

The Awards for Young Scientists "Vera Johanides" were presented to Tomislav Antić, PhD, from the University of Zagreb Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computing; Filip Jukić, PhD, from the University of Zagreb Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computing; Assist. Prof. Mišo Jurčević, PhD, from the University of Split Faculty of Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering and Naval Architecture; and Matej Žnidarec, PhD, from the Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek Faculty of Electrical Engineering, Computer Science and Information Technology Osijek. The awards recognize significant personal and professional development and notable contributions to the recipients' respective fields of research over the past five years.

The Croatian Academy of Engineering extends its sincere congratulations to all newly elected and promoted members of the Academy, as well as to the recipients of the 2025 HATZ Awards. Their achievements, professional and scientific contributions, and commitment to the advancement of technical and biotechnical sciences represent lasting value for the Academy, the Croatian scientific community, and society as a whole.

The Academy expresses its sincere gratitude to the University of Zagreb Faculty of Chemical Engineering and Technology for its cooperation and support in organizing the 59th Annual Assembly of HATZ and the 4th Mini Scientific-Professional Conference, as well as for sponsoring the academic gathering that followed.

The Academy also gratefully acknowledges the longstanding support of Centar za vozila Hrvatske d.d. and its financial contribution to the HATZ Awards, which promotes excellence and supports the professional development of young researchers.


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