

Publisher's Note

Dear reader,

The Faculty of Agriculture, University of Zagreb, is celebrating its 90th anniversary in 2009. We are celebrating nine decades of development of our curricula, the education of our students, scientific achievements and innovations, the spreading of knowledge and scientific points of view, all in cooperation with our National Economy and towards the well-being of the entire community.

Our libraries and archives demonstrate and maintain the results of our educational, scientific and technical activities, numerous undergraduate, master and doctoral theses, text books, scientific papers, collections, studies and projects. Many of our scientists and students have enriched their talents in the arts, literature and music, and have thus enriched our national cultural inheritance.

The Faculty, as with our country Croatia, has met difficult challenges, receiving its strength from its connection with the country and its people. The development of the Croatian Economy in the field of agriculture is inseparable from the Faculty of Agriculture. These institutions deal with the education of experts, by research, through publishing, and with the promotion of the agricultural professions and advanced technologies.

After these many years of activity, we are proud that the Faculty has continued to follow its original vision. Our studies and programs have always remained contemporary, maintaining their place and reputation as the oldest and the most prestigious institution in its field of activity. Generations of professors, assistants and other employees are proud of the strength of our alumni – tens of thousands of undergraduate engineers, and those that have earned their Master and PhD degrees.

The Faculty of Agriculture, as with the whole of the University of Zagreb, over several years, has undergone an intense process of change, adjusting to international standards of study and research. Reform of our study systems according to the Bologna Convention, the changes in our financial system, integration into international research and higher education programs, and the maintenance of quality in all of our activities, have been a challenge for the Faculty, and for our society as a whole. Our primary goal is to equally share in the availability of European higher education and research, without neglecting our national position and interests.

The rapid development of electronic communications is finding its applicability in educational processes, undergraduate, graduate and doctoral studies, and also in e-studies and lifelong educational programs. The Faculty of Agriculture, as a result of its activities in the organization of curricula, the strengthening of its research, its human and material resources, by international collaboration, and by the application of its knowledge in the national economy, has positioned itself among the other Faculties of the University of Zagreb.

The qualities which are expressed here, and of which we are so proud, have been developed through continuous work, and with investments in our human resources and equipment. The application of these criteria guarantees quality and equality for all of the participants in our educational and research processes. The Faculty of Agriculture today proudly acknowledges our numerous students and staff, those who have received awards for their work, academics, professor emeriti, and successful entrepreneurs and politicians.

Personally, I am honored to be the Dean of Faculty and Agriculture at a time when we are building on the rich inheritance of 90 years of work, improving educational conditions for a new generation of students. We are deeply grateful, and we bow to the sacrifices of our Staff and Students, during war and political strife, for our well being and the independence of Croatia. I am using this occasion to thank all of those who have been a part of these 90 years of history of the Faculty of Agriculture, as staff, students, employees, collaborators or just simply friends.

With deepest respect,

Davor Romić
Dean of Faculty of Agriculture