Address of the President of KoREMA

With this issue of Automatika the 50th issue of the scientific-professional journal for control, measurement, electronics, computing and communications has been concluded. In the course of the fifty-year history of the journal, its reputation and international recognition was established by the work of numerous domestic and international authors (2605 authors, 1653 articles and 12484 pages)

The journal Automatika was created in 1962 by merging the journals: Automacija (Zagreb, chief editor Prof. Vladimir Muljević, PhD), Avtomatika (Ljubljana, chief editor Anton Ogorelec, PhD, B.S.) and Automatika i elektronika (Beograd, Velimir Kostić, PhD, B.S.) and Prof. Jože Černelč was nominated its chief editor with a seat in Zagreb. Since its establishment the journal Automatika has been continuously promoting scientific and professional work in the scope of its interest. This objective has been vigorously pushed forward by the board of editors and editors-in-chief all of which have left a deep imprint on the position and orientation of the journal.

Prof. Jože Černelč as editor-in-chief in the period from 1963 until 1993 together with his competent co-workers raised the journal to a high scientific level, publishing high quality papers, balancing between the importance of theoretic aspects and application. In the same period Prof. Nedžat Pašalić, PhD was a kind of spiritus movens of the creative and organisational development of the journal. In the period from 1993 until 2009, in which Automatika was published by KoREMA – the Croatian society for communications, computing, electronics, measurement and control – the function of editor-in-chief was exercised by Prof. Borivoje Rajković, PhD. In spite of distressing circumstances caused by the war,hardness and the drastic changes of the Automatika's "market" in the territory of the former Yugoslavia, Prof. Rajković found the way out of such a situation. He focused as much as possible on the authors from abroad, and on the selected contributions presented at numerous conferences and symposia organised by KoREMA, but not disregarding valuable contributions of domestic authors. During these testing times Mr. Žarko Pavunić was active as a technical editor of the journal, and he performed his job highly professionally.

Nowadays Automatika is facing new challenges. How to achieve its mission to enhance science and profession and to foster creativity in the area of communications, computing, electronics, measurement and control as well as in other related fields? What position to take in the world of global social, political and economic changes and how to provide for a long-term feasibility of the journal? Certain optimism and impetus are based on the fact that the journal Automatika was entered in the database of Science Citation Index Expanded starting with the issue 1-2/2008. I am confident that the outgoing editor-in-chief Prof. Borivoje Rajković, PhD will be succedeed with enthusiasm and competence by the former deputy to the editor-in-chief Prof. Ivan Petrović, PhD. The Presidency of KoREMA wishes Prof. Petrović a successful and fruitful exercise of his function of the editor-in-chief to Automatika.

The financial aid for the publication of the journal was earlier provied for by the SIZ of the Socialist Republic of Croatia and nowadays by the Ministry of Science, Education and Sport. We are confident that the Ministry will recognize Automatika as a journal of unquestionable value and benefit and grant an adequate financial support accordingly.

We at Automatika are looking forward, as we always have, to the valuable contibutions by authors, volunteer work of numerous reviewers and the support of all entities whose objective is development, progress and strengthening of science for the benefit of all people.

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