

PREFACE

TO THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY ISSUE

This year's Volume marks the 50th anniversary of the journal *Researches Review of the Department of Geography, Tourism and Hotel Management*. It was a great challenge to sustain the journal's extremely fast progress of scientific thought and to increase its international recognition. Therefore, this 50th anniversary represents an exceptional milestone for the Journal but also for the Department of Geography, Tourism and Hotel Management and Faculty of Sciences, University of Novi Sad.

Volume 50 is a landmark for the *Researches Review of the Department of Geography, Tourism and Hotel Management*. We have been publishing original research full-papers, review articles and shorter communications in the title area for half a century. How did this journal get started?

In 1971, the professors of the Faculty of Sciences in Novi Sad started the *Proceedings of the Faculty Papers*. The *Proceedings* included a geography issue, which was started by the professors and teaching assistants of the Chair of Geography led by Academician dr Branislav Bukurov. Professor Bukurov was the first editor of the issue.

Although at one point during the past fifty years the Chair changed its name from the Institute of Geography to the present Department of Geography, Tourism and Hotel Management, the issues of the *Researches Review of the Department of Geography, Tourism and Hotel Management* have been continuously published each year. Today, our journal continues to pursue our founders' mission, and to strive for excellence in every issue.

Since that time, the journal has undergone significant changes. In 2013 (Volume 42), the journal began publishing all papers bilingually - in Serbian and English. In 2014 (Volume 43), the journal transitioned from an annually to a six-month periodical to accommodate better the increased number of papers accepted for publication. Finally, in 2017 (Volume 46), the journal switched to publishing papers in English only.

During this period, we have also expanded the Editorial and Advisory Board to include outstanding scientists from Austria, France, Japan, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, the United States, and other countries.

In the upcoming years, we will strive to attract the highest-quality manuscripts worldwide, to complement the current Editorial and Advisory Board with active and prosperous scientists so that the journal can remain at the cutting edge of research dissemination in the title areas, and to identify the best qualified peer-reviewers to ensure that the papers we publish have been suitably screened for novelty of research results and quality of research methodology.

The editors want to thank all of the authors who contributed to the journal, and all the re-

viewers for their careful scrutiny in evaluating the novelty, value and significance of the submitted manuscripts.

We also wish to acknowledge all our colleagues at the Department of Geography, Tourism and Hotel Management who have supported this journal in many ways and enthusiastically contributed to our success.

We look forward to the next decades of the *Researches Review of the Department of Geography, Tourism and Hotel Management* and to a continuation of the fascinating research on this wonderful scientific endeavour.

On behalf of the Editorial Board,

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