

New journal – Croatian Journal of Forest Engineering

Dear readers!

I have the honour and pleasure to assume the obligation of writing this editorial as it is expected that the occasion for its writing will draw attention of both home and international forestry. You are holding in your hands the first issue of the **Croatian Journal of Forest Engineering (CROFE)**, the successor of the journal, which had been published for twenty-five years under the title **Mehanizacija šumarstva**. The new journal follows the tradition of its predecessor and it has also adopted a very similar visual identity.

What is the difference between the two journals and what was the reason for starting the new CROFE journal?

Having faced the problem of poor interest in publishing papers in the journal *Mechanisation of Forestry*, which resulted in its irregular publication, and due to its local character as it was written in Croatian, the Editorial Board decided to take steps aimed at solving the above problems. The activities were focused on revealing the secrets of editorial job to young people, as well as introducing new people open to new ideas and plans into other journal's bodies: Editorial Council, Croatian Editorial Board and International Editorial Board.

It has been agreed with the public enterprise »Hrvatske šume« d.o.o. Zagreb, the main publisher of the journal *Mechanisation of Forestry*, to continue further co-operation and to publish the Croatian Journal of Forest Engineering in English, with titles and subtitles, captions of figures and tables, and a summary in Croatian.

In this way the Croatian Journal of Forest Engineering would be ready to join the international trends of quality assessment maintaining at the same time close ties with the Croatian forestry. This is supported by the decision of the Editorial Board on publishing the attachment to CROFE journal under the title **Nova mehanizacija šumarstva (New Forestry Mechanisation)**, once a year in Croatian only. Contrary to CROFE journal, which publishes scientific papers covering the field of forest engineering, the journal *New Forestry Mechanisation*

will primarily publish specialised papers relevant for the development of this segment of forestry in Croatia.

The Croatian Journal of Forest Engineering will be published twice a year and we would like to see it become the leading journal in the field of forest engineering in the region of South-East Europe and Middle Europe, and place it on an equal footing with the leading journals covering similar issues in Europe and throughout the world.

In order to pursue this goal, we invite all experts dealing with forest engineering in its broadest sense to give their contribution and send their papers to CROFE. The papers shall be subjected to international reviewing procedure to be carried out by leading authorities from that domain, and after getting a positive review, they will eventually be published in the journal. It will be possible to find all details related to the preparation activities for the implementation of the reviewing procedure, as well as other information on the journal, on the web site that is being prepared and should be completed by the end of July.

At the end of this editorial, I would like to thank all former editors, members of the Publishing Council, Croatian and International Editorial Board, reviewers and all the other contributors who did not spare their knowledge, efforts and valuable time to assure prosperity for the journal *Mechanisation of Forestry*.

I also want to thank immensely the new Editorial Board and all members of all CROFE bodies for their support and understanding during the starting procedure of the new journal, which was not at all an easy and simple job. I wish them to be committed to their job and to bring CROFE to a highly ranked place in the global forestry worthy of the position the Croatian foresters and the Croatian forestry have had for years.

My special thanks for the understanding and unquestioning support in starting CROFE journal go to the main publisher »Hrvatske šume« d.o.o. Zagreb as well as the co-publisher – Faculty of Forestry, University of Zagreb.

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