

# From Editor-in-Chief: Ten Years with Full Sails

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Dear Colleagues,

I am happy to inform you that the 20<sup>th</sup> issue of our Journal is out, which means we have been sailing the rough scientific publishing seas for a decade. Over the years, the Journal has been constantly upgraded. Our dedication was to internationalise the Journal. To achieve this meant increasing the number of members from different countries in our Editorial and Advisory Boards and more international reviewers, as well as obtaining ever higher-quality and attractive articles. It is worth reminding that the first volume contained 15 papers, and the current volume has 44 published papers. I am the second editor-in-chief. The first one, Ivica Kuzmanić, is still in the editorial team as our research integrity editor and chairman of the Ethical Committee. He was editor-in-chief for the first 15 issues.

Furthermore, the first issue was indexed in only two databases at the time. Thanks to our dedicated Journal staff and our article authors, we are currently indexed in the Web of Science Core Collection (WoSCC) and Scopus, among other respected indexing bases currently. In WoSCC, we are indexed in the Emerging Sources Citation Index (WSCI) base in the Marine Engineering category comprising 25 journals. The current Journal Citation Index (JCI) is 0.21. From five Scopus categories, ToMS

is in quartile 3 in the following categories: Ocean Engineering, Law, and Automotive Engineering with ever-increasing Scientific Journal Rankings (SJR) of 0.2.

A lot has changed over a decade. Online publishing has been suppressing classic print. Therefore, some changes were necessary to keep pace with the current progress. Hence, we introduced the 'web-first' service. It was necessary since our publication rate is two issues per year, and some authors could not wait for a print edition for half a year. Our goal is to become a propulsive and fast-publishing online independent Journal with a print edition twice a year. Continuous online publishing is great for authors because a paper can be published as soon as it is accepted.

In addition, we took steps to renew and rejuvenate the editorial staff by introducing Associate Editors, who will use and maintain an Open Journal System (OJS), communicate with reviewers, and help promote the Journal further.

We are proud to announce a new issue. This issue covers both regular papers and the best papers from the International

Conference of Information & Communication Technology 2021 (ICICTM 2021). The information about the Conference can be found at: <https://icictm.com.my/>.

On behalf of the Journal, I am pleased to thank Dr. A. Nanthini Sridewi from the National Defence University of Malaysia for agreeing to become the Journal's Regional Editor from the 1st of January 2022. I am also pleased to thank Kindlein Wilson Junior (Brazil) for joining our team in this volume.

In keeping with our tradition and practice, in this issue we bring again a lyric poem in the Croatian Chakavian dialect, along with a video-audio clip and a translation in English. However, this time we will also take an opportunity of paying tribute to two great men who have forever and immeasurably indebted Croatian culture: the poet Pere Ljubić (Vrbanj on the island of Hvar 1900 – Zagreb 1952), one of the pioneers of lyric poetry in the Chakavian dialect (the first was Marko Marulić, father of the Croatian literature, back in the 15th Century) and Dinko Fio (Blato on the island of Korčula – Zagreb 2011), a renowned musicologist, singer, choir leader, conductor, composer, and music pedagogue. Ljubić's poem 'Naši Škojji' has been set to music by Dinko Fio, performed, among others, by klapa 'Kamen' from Split among many others, thereby making an anthological and memorable piece of the Croatian (Dalmatian) a capella singing. This type of singing is on the UNESCO intangible cultural heritage of mankind list.

I wish to thank all our reviewers for their responsible work. In this volume, 176 reviewers from 38 states (5 continents: Africa, North America and South America, Asia, and Europe) were involved in the peer review process. Except Croatia, the countries with the largest number of reviewers are: Malaysia, Turkey, Poland, and Spain. I greatly appreciate your contribution and time spent not only in assisting me in reaching my decision, but also enabling the author(s) to disseminate their work at the highest possible quality. Without the dedication of reviewers like you, it would be impossible to manage an efficient peer review process and maintain the high standards necessary for a successful journal. We hope you will help us realize our goal to improve both paper quality and visibility and that together we can make this journal stronger and recognizable, and sail safely to new challenges.

As this is a celebrating issue, I wish to thank all the current Advisory Board members, regional editors, Editorial Board members, as well as the former members for their help in developing this Journal for the past decade. I hope you will help us reach new goals of increasing impact factor, advancing in quartiles, and accepted in more indexation bases with even the highest reputation.

Best wishes  
Editor – in - chief