

## Editor-in-chief's opening remarks

Dear readers!

As you probably already know since number 1/2008 our journal *Technical Gazette* has been listed in the *SCI-Expanded* citation base and thus categorized in the A group of journals according to the criteria of the Ministry of Sciences, Education and Sports. Not long ago the *impact factor-IF* was announced for the journal. It was a historical moment as this was the first time the factor was announced for *Technical Gazette*. For the year 2010 it was 0,088! This IF might not seem particularly big but compared with some other numerous journals with much longer publishing tradition and lower IF, it really is big. Are we satisfied? Not quite but there is really no reason not to be immodest. The impact factor is the measure of frequency by which an "average paper" of a journal is cited in a particular year thus representing a kind of indicator of the journal's status and desirability for the publication of papers. We therefore believe that this is only the beginning of the recognition of *Technical Gazette* as a desirable journal for the publication of papers and that among other things, the announced *impact factor* will additionally encourage the authors to publish in *Technical Gazette*.

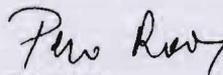
What next? To the end of the year we intend to publish another enlarged volume, the same as the several previous ones. The pressure for publishing in the journal is high and

that is what makes us particularly satisfied. Therefore we are considering publishing six volumes of the journal annually starting with the beginning of the next year – publishing a double issue of the journal. We have not reached a final decision yet, it will depend on numerous factors, first of all on the possibility of providing funds to cover the cost of the enlarged number of issues.

Among the 23 categorized papers published in this issue there are no less than 12 original scientific papers, 6 preliminary notes, 4 subject reviews and 1 professional paper referring to various technical fields. As usual our *Curiosities* section provides current news from the Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek as well as the information on a number of new interesting books.

As always, we invite you, dear readers, to send us your contributions and help us in our endeavours to maintain the high quality of the journal.

Yours sincerely,



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