

editorial

Taking over the baton!

Dear Reader,

Tourism: An International Interdisciplinary Journal is an academic, open-access quarterly with an impressive tradition of publishing articles that address contemporary tourism issues. Most readers of the Journal's articles probably would not know that *Tourism* is, in fact, the second oldest tourism journal in the World, regularly published since 1953 (*Tourism Review* is the oldest journal, published since 1946).

Since its inception, *Tourism* has transformed from an industry newsletter with regional relevance into an international academic journal which welcomes submissions on various aspects of travel and tourism. Bearing in mind that the sector continuously experiences rapid and profound changes, the *Journal* particularly invites contributions that take a critical approach to existing knowledge and deal with emerging issues.

Almost seven decades after *Tourism*'s first issue, I am both honored and proud to be appointed the new *Editor-in-Chief* after having served as associate editor for a short period of time. My particular thanks go to Sanda Čorak, PhD, the former EIC, and her team of Associate Editors, Renata Tomljenović, PhD, Irena Ateljević, PhD, and Jakša Kivela, PhD, who are most responsible for that *Tourism* has developed into a renowned journal of high international visibility and with high standards of quality.

Under the leadership of Sanda Čorak, PhD, *Tourism* has experienced an exponential growth in terms of submissions, which is certainly a consequence of the fact that the Journal's articles are indexed in both of the two major citation databases—i.e., *Scopus* and *Web of Science* (currently indexed in the Emerging Sources Citation Index – ESCI).

Tourism has attracted around 200 submissions in 2019, while there were already over 70 submissions during the first two months of 2020. In order to cope with the growing interest of authors and to ensure a timely and reliable turnaround of submitted articles, a decision has been made to process all new submissions via *ScholarOne Manuscripts* by *Clarivate Analytics* (<https://mc04.manuscriptcentral.com/tour>). We firmly believe that the new submission system will significantly contribute to both a better author and reviewer experience. Additionally, all articles will receive a DOI number with the first issue of 2020 (Vol. 68), and accepted articles will be published online ahead of print.

Finally, I would also like to thank my new Editorial team who will be responsible for the day-to-day processing of manuscripts and for further enhancing the high journal standards. Besides Renata Tomljenović, PhD, who will assist me during the transition period, new Associate editors are Maja Šerić, PhD, from the University of Valencia, and Damir Krešić, PhD, from the Institute for Tourism, Croatia. Special thanks further go to our Editorial assistant, Ksenija Tokić, PhD, as well as to all old and new Editorial board members who will provide support to the journal management in the period ahead.

Josip Mikulić, PhD, Editor-in-Chief