



Dear readers,

after 70 years of publication of the journal *Tekstil*, starting with volume 71 (2022), I have taken over the honorable and responsible task of Editor-in-Chief, in appreciation of the work of all previous editors and members of the Editorial Board, whom I hereby thank. The responsibility is great, because the doyens of our textile science and profession, many authors from the Republic of Croatia and abroad, have contributed with their knowledge and skills to the creation, development and progress of the journal *Tekstil*. With their knowledge and enthusiasm, the new editors and the editorial board will try to continue the many years of dedicated work on quality and excellence through regular publications and inclusion of the journal in the worldwide citation databases.

The journal has been a driving force for scientific and professional activities in the field of textiles for decades, especially in all areas of textile and clothing technology, and more recently in the fields of fashion, design and management of textiles. He was a promoter of the professional development of textile workers, a transmitter of new technical-technological and scientific knowledge, and an important link to industry and associations. The editorial policy of *Tekstil* journal was to maintain and improve the quality of the journal to meet the changing economic conditions and changes in the field of scientific publications. The changes in the textile industry on a global level have affected the economy, institutions and associations, as well as scientific and professional publishing activities. In addition, the pandemic COVID -19 led to difficult working conditions, and natural disasters in the Republic of Croatia caused by earthquakes, floods and fires led to a slowdown in many activities. Despite hard work, the working conditions of the non-profit professional associations and the publication of professional journals have changed significantly, and *Tekstil* is now in a difficult phase. The situation in the country and the world has also affected the *Tekstil* journal, leading to a delay in publication and consequent exclusion from relevant global citation databases. Nevertheless, the content of the journal is still at the same high level.

The appointment of a new Editor-in-Chief and the Editorial Board, whose members are listed in the *Impressum* of this issue of *Tekstil*, as well as the above-mentioned working conditions, require constant changes in the journal to meet the challenges in science, society, communication and access, as well as the needs of the readership.

The basic guideline for the improvement of the journal is to ensure the frequency of publication of *Tekstil* journal while maintaining its quality, rapid dissemination of information and good visibility. Starting from this issue, *Tekstil* journal will be published quarterly - issues 1, 2, 3 and 4 in printed and electronic form. In accordance with the common practice, the manuscripts of the received contributions will be subjected to professional, linguistic and editorial review, in accordance with the general professional and journalistic standards of the journal. The Editorial Board selects expert reviewers. When the review of the categorized contributions is completed, the contributions that have not yet been included in an issue can be published "online first" on the HRČAK portal", and then a digital version of the issue is published, while the printed version of the journal is published in a smaller edition. Digitization of *Tekstil* journal will be fully implemented and open access to all published categorized papers from previous years will be provided.

Personally, I consider it necessary to preserve the beauty of the national language, which is also supported by the Board of the Croatian Association of Textile Engineers, the publisher of the journal *Tekstil*, and the journal will continue to be published in Croatian, maintaining the previously published columns. It will continue to publish articles on current events and the economic situation in the textile and clothing industry, articles on entrepreneurship, innovations, presentation of new machines, apparatus and testing equipment, textile bibliography, presentation of books and magazines, presentation of consultations and congresses, new fibers and materials, new dyes and auxiliaries, new machines, questions and answers, domestic news and news from abroad. To ensure better international visibility, all categorized articles (original scientific papers, reviews and technical papers) are published in English, except open access.

For the repositioning and development of the journal *Tekstil*, the cooperation and contribution of scientists and professionals, as well as the editorial board of the journal, help and an open heart, togetherness and a lot of volunteer work are needed to achieve the desired goals in the shortest possible time.

I believe that it is possible to advance the journal *Tekstil*, and any kind of joint cooperation and contribution is welcome, and I invite you to join us on this journey.

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Editorial Board of journal *Tekstil*