

UVODNIK

23. junija 1955 je predsedstvo Slovenske akademije znanosti in umetnosti potrdilo program oziroma gradivo za prvo številko glasila razreda za prirodoslovne in medicinske vede oziroma Inštituta za raziskovanje krasa Slovenske akademije znanosti in umetnosti, z naslovom "POROČILA - Acta carsologica". Še istega leta, decembra 1955, so bila Poročila tudi tiskana.

Ko človek gleda to prvo številko slovenskega vodilnega krasoslovnega glasila izpred 40 let in jo primerja z današnjo, se mu zazdi, da se na zunaj ni dosti spremenilo. Razpored napisov je bolj ali manj isti, besedilo tudi, vse skupaj na bolj enolični osnovi, prva številka na grobi rjavo-sivi lepenki, zadnja številka na beli, gladki.

Toda majhne spremembe, ki jih človek, ki naslovnico le pogleda, niti ne zazna, kažejo tudi na razvoj organizacije, inštituta in ne nazadnje tudi same vsebine glasila. Prva številka je imela naslov POROČILA (z velikimi in rdečimi črkami), pričujoča, XXIV. številka, ima ravno obratno, ACTA CARSOLOGICA veliko in rdeče, podnaslov pa ni več "poročila", ampak "krasoslovni zbornik". Glasilo se je v resnici iz inštitutskih poročil spremenilo v osrednje krasoslovno glasilo na Slovenskem, s težnjo prodora v svet. Prva številka je na vsega skupaj 175 straneh vsebovala tri razprave (avtorji so bili vsi sodelavci inštituta) ter šest poročil, prav tako večinoma izpod peresa sodelavcev inštituta. Pričujoča številka pa na skoraj 600 straneh prinaša 45 prispevkov 43 avtorjev iz 13 držav, od Španije do Rusije, od Velike Britanije do Italije, in vsi prispevki so v tujih jezikih.

V prvi številki je avtor enega od poročil (o jami in potoku Mitoščici) Ivan Gams, ki mu je posvečena tudi XXIV. številka. V njej so objavljeni prispevki, predstavljeni na mednarodnem simpoziju "Man on Karst" 1993 v Postojni, posvečenemu 70-letnici prof. Gamsa. Njemu, ki je bil sodelavec Acta carsologica torej od začetka, od njene prve številke, in je v teh 40 letih v njej vsega skupaj objavil za 221 strani prispevkov, je XXIV. številka posvečena v celoti.

In s tem tudi uredniški odbor dolgoletnemu sodelavcu zbornika in članu njegovega uredniškega odbora od 1983, nekdanjemu članu Inštituta za raziskovanje krasa in članu IV. razreda SAZU, jubilantu iskreno čestita!

Urednik

PREFACE

On June 23, 1955 the Presidency of the Academia Scientiarum et Artium Slovenica confirmed the program and the material for the first issue of the publication of the Academy's Classis IV: Historia Naturalis et Medicina, Institutum Carsologicum respectively, entitled REPORTS - Acta carsologica. The same year in December 1955 the publication was printed.

When one looks at this first volume of the Slovene leading karstological publication from 40 years ago and compare it with the actual one it seems, that the external appearance did not change much. The distribution of titles and texts is more or less the same on rather monotonous base, the first number on rough grey-blue carton and the last volume on white, smooth one.

But small changes, not evident at once if looking to the title-pages, indicate the development of the organisation, of the institute and, obviously the change of the content of the publication. The first volume was entitled REPORTS (capital red letters) and this one, the 24th volume is just the opposite, Acta carsologica in capital red letters and the subtitle is no more Reports but Karstological Miscellany. In fact the publication evolved from the Institute's Reports to central karstological gazette in Slovenia tending to make its way to the world. The first volume included on 175 pages three treatises (all the authors were Institute's employees) and 6 reports, mostly written by the Institute's workers. The present volume offers on almost 600 pages 44 papers of 42 authors from 13 countries, from Spain to Russia, from Great Britain to Italy and all the papers are presented in foreign languages.

The author of one of the reports in the first volume was Ivan Gams (About the Cave and Stream Mitoščica) and this volume is dedicated to the same person. These papers were presented at the International Symposium Man on Karst in 1993 at Postojna that was dedicated to the 70 anniversary of Prof. Ivan Gams. The whole issue is devoted to the professor who contributes to Acta carsologica since its beginning and have published in these 40 years 9 treatises on 221 pages.

In such a way the Editorial Board tries to thank to its member since 1983 and collaborator for long years, the former co-operator at the Karst Research Institute and member of the Classis IV: Historia Naturalis congratulating at his jubilee.

The Editor