

FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE SLOVENIAN ACADEMY OF MANAGEMENT

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Dear reader,

It has been exactly one year since I accepted the position of the president of the Slovenian Academy of Management. I have to admit this was not an easy decision as I knew the previous (and founding) president, Professor Dr. Rudi Rozman, has done an excellent job of turning the Academy into a recognizable and respected organization in the Slovenian academic and business world. For this reason I would like to start this editorial by expressing a big gratitude to the previous management of the Academy, especially to the Executive Committee under the presidency of Professor Dr. Rudi Rozman and the Supervisory Board under the presidency of Professor Dr. Miran Mihelčič.

The new Executive Committee took over the managerial functions in the Academy in April 2016. It consists of five members, among which two were already members in the previous mandate. They are Associate Professor Dr. Darja Peljhan from the Faculty of Economics of the University of Ljubljana who still holds the position of the Academy's treasurer and Assistant Professor Dr. Nina Tomažević from the Faculty of Administration of the University of Ljubljana who continues to work on the position of the Academy's secretary. The new members of the Executive Committee are Professor Dr. Andrej Bertonec from the Faculty of Management of the University of Primorska who was appointed to the position of the vice-President of the Academy, Assistant Professor Dr. Matej Černe from the Faculty of Economics of the University of Ljubljana who accepted the position of the new editor of the *Dynamic Relationships Management Journal*, and myself, Professor Dr. Tomaž Čater, from the Faculty of Economics of the University of Ljubljana as the president of the Academy.

Completely changed compared to the previous mandate is also the Academy's Supervisory Board. It

now consists of the president, Dr. Vojko Toman from the Slovenian Intellectual Property Office, and two members, Professor Dr. Borut Rusjan from the Faculty of Economics of the University of Ljubljana and Assistant Professor Dr. Milena Alič from ALZIT d.o.o.

Despite personnel changes there will be no revolutionary changes in the key activities of the Slovenian Academy of Management. The Academy continues with its dedication towards uniting scientists, researchers and experts from the field of management in the Republic of Slovenia with the purpose of exploring, developing and expanding knowledge of management, organization, administration and similar areas. The Academy will continue to act in accordance with its mission by organizing conferences, consultations and other events, publishing scientific and professional literature in the field of management, as well as by other education, training and research activities.

While maintaining the main direction of the Academy's key activities, some challenging changes are to be made. One such change is just about to be seen – in a few weeks the Academy will have a new look in the form of a new website. The new website will not only present the Academy in a more modern light but will also provide its users with a modern dictionary in the field of management, enable authors to submit journal and conference articles easily and securely, enable members to easily manage their personal profiles etc.

Other, even more important challenges in front of the Academy are linked to the increase of the quantity and quality of its journal and conference articles. Both conferences, international and Slovenian, which are alternatively organized every year, continue to be managed by a highly dedicated and hard-working Program and Organizational Committee led by Dr. Aleša Saša Sitar. This year we organize

a Slovenian conference, already 15th in a row. The conference, with the main topic on risk management, takes place on June 16th at the Faculty of Economics of the University of Ljubljana.

The Academy will also continue with the publication of the Slovenian journal titled "Izzivi managementu" (Challenges to Management). This journal, issued twice a year, is more practically oriented and dedicated mostly to helping managers at their everyday work. Besides managers the journal's targeted readers are also academics who wish to learn more about the practical aspects of management and the related areas. The journal's editor remains Assistant Professor Dr. Lidija Breznik.

With regard to the Academy's international journal, i.e. Dynamic Relationships Management Journal, one of the most important changes was the appointment of the new editor and the editorial board. The demanding task of improving the journal quality was entrusted to Assistant Professor Dr. Matej Černe. As I know, he is an outstanding researcher and a devoted colleague, I am confident he will do an excellent editorial job. Important news related to DRMJ is also that in January 2017 the Slovene Research Agency approved financing of the publication costs related to DRMJ for the first time in the journal's history. This will enable us to produce an even better journal, as the activities related to proofreading, technical editing and publication will now be carried out on an even more professional level. Therefore, we again invite academics and professionals to submit the results of their research to DRMJ. Manuscripts can include literature reviews, theoretical contributions as well as qualitative and/or quantitative research papers.

I am confident that everybody can find something interesting and useful in this issue of the journal. It includes six articles focused on dynamic relationships, but containing a spectrum of different topics, research approaches and levels of analysis. The first is a conceptual review paper by Professor Dr. Jon Aarum Andersen, who is wondering whether current management research is guilty of the oldest crime – not being relevant and helpful to managers. What follows are two articles that link dynamic relationships with the entrepreneurship world: Vesna Drogenik and Dr. Kaja Rangus engage in a thought-

provoking analysis of the innovation ecosystem in Japan, whereas Professor Dr. Gazmend Qorraj looks into entrepreneurial venturing in transition countries with an empirical study of large firms and SMEs in Kosovo. The final three studies in this issue are placed at more micro levels, at the organizational-behavior domain. Sokol Loci examines the evolution of authentic leadership, and how personal legacy, education and identity contribute to the level of leaders' unique vision. Sara Trobez, Monika Vesić, Gaja Žerovnik, Xiaoli Ye and Darjan Žužul look into the relationship between culture and business ethics. Finally, to loop back into the entrepreneurship sphere, but looking at it from a trusting relationships perspective, Kristjan Vuk, Anej Pifar and Dr. Darija Aleksić examine how risk-taking and trust influence students' intention to invest.

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