

## Foreword

The University of Ljubljana is slowly but surely approaching a respectable jubilee – a hundred anniversary of its founding. The Department of Geology, which has been active since 1919 when the teaching of geological subjects began at the newly founded university, is also approaching the same honorable anniversary. Our department has witnessed many years of scientific, professional and pedagogical challenges. Today the department counts around 170 students and 27 pedagogic and other workers. All this would not be possible without those who were here before us, our professors and mentors who helped us pioneer in science and pedagogy. With their work, our professors have made an important contribution to the development of geological science in Slovenia and paved the way for present generation of Slovene geologists.

With the issue of RMZ – Materials and Geoenvironment Journal that is before you, the members of the Department of Geology pay respect to our professors during the week of the University of Ljubljana. Before us is an issue that is a modest tribute to the teaching and scientific contribution of Prof. Dr. Valerija Osterc, Prof. Dr. Mario Pleničar, Prof. Dr. Vida Pohar and Prof. Dr. Jernej Pavšič. These people we celebrate worked in very broad fields of geological science, from mineralogy, petrology, stratigraphy, regional geology, paleontology to Quaternary geology. This makes this issue interesting and diverse, as are the results of their work.

On behalf of the department, I would like to thank all contributors who kindly responded and thus honored an important anniversary of their teachers and mentors. Thanks also go to the journal's editor who invested a great deal of energy and time into its preparation. Last but not least, thanks go to the editorial board of RMZ – Materials and Geoenvironment Journal that listed the issue dedicated to our professors into their program. With this gesture they expressed not only respect for our professors and their work, but have also contributed to the reach scientific production of the department and Slovenian geological profession as a whole.

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## Predgovor

Univerza v Ljubljani se počasi, a zanesljivo približuje častitljivemu jubileju – stoti obletnici ustanovitve. Tej častitljivi obletnici se z enakimi koraki približuje tudi Oddelek za geologijo, ki deluje v različnih organizacijskih oblikah že od leta 1919, ko se je na novo ustanovljeni univerzi začelo poučevanje geoloških predmetov. Za našim oddelkom so dolga leta različnih znanstvenih, strokovnih in ne nazadnje pedagoških izzivov. Danes na oddelku študira nekaj več kot 170 študentov, za katere skrbi 27 pedagogov in drugih sodelavcev. A vsega tega ne bi bilo, če nam poti ne bi utirali naši prednamci, naši profesorji in mentorji, ki so nam pomagali zaorati znanstveno in pedagoško ledino. Naši profesorji so s svojim delom pomembno prispevali k razvoju in napredku slovenske geološke znanosti in šole ter utrli pot sedanjim aktivnim generacijam slovenskih geologov. S številko revije RMZ – Materiali in geokolje, ki je pred vami, se člani Oddelka za geologijo v tednu Univerze v Ljubljani poklanjamo častitljivim jubilejem naših profesorjev. Pred nami je zbornik, ki je skromen poklon učiteljskemu in znanstvenemu prispevku prof. dr. Valerije Osterc, prof. dr. Maria Pleničarja, prof. dr. Vide Pohar in prof. dr. Jerneja Pavšiča. Slavljenci so v času svojega dela na oddelku delovali na zelo širokih področjih geološke znanosti: od mineralogije, petrologije, stratigrafije, regionalne geologije, paleontologije pa vse do geologije kvartarja. Zaradi tega je zanimiv in pester tudi zbornik, kot so pestri rezultati njihovega dela.

V imenu oddelka se želim zahvaliti tudi vsem avtorjem prispevkov, ki so se prijazno odzvali in s tem počastili pomembno obletnico svojih učiteljev in mentorjev. Prav tako velja zahvala uredniku zbornika, ki je v njegovo pripravo vložili nemalo energije in časa. Ne nazadnje velja zahvala tudi uredništvu revije RMZ – Materiali in geokolje, ki je zbornik, posvečen našim jubilarantom, uvrstilo v svoj program. S tem so vsi skupaj izrazili ne le spoštovanje do jubilarantov in njihovega dela, temveč so s svojimi prispevki prispevali k bogati znanstveni produkciji oddelka in slovenske geološke stroke v celoti.

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