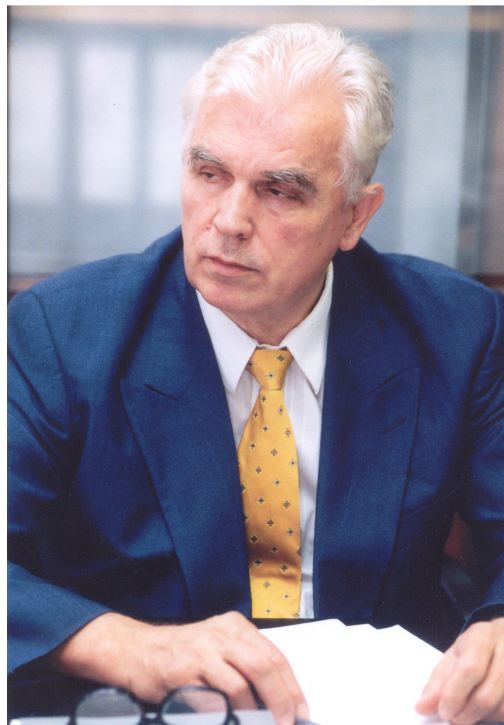


Obituary

OBITUARY: Emeritus Professor Dr. Dragutin Zelenovic (1928-2020) Founder and Principal Editor of IJEM (2010-2019)



It is with sincere regret and profound sadness that we announce the passing away of Professor Dragutin Zelenovic on Monday, April 27, 2020.

Professor Zelenovic founded the International Journal of Industrial Engineering and Management in 1998 under title Journal of Industrial Systems, which changed the title to the current in 2010 and served as his principal Editor until 2019. Under professor Zelenovic's direction journal achieved considerable growth, while maintaining a reputation for publishing only the best of Industrial Engineering and Engineering Management research.

We must recognize professor Zelenovic's contribution to the industrial, production management, and manufacturing engineering community. He was a member of the International Foundation for Production Research (IFPR) for more than 20 years; the member of the International Federation for Information Processing Working Group - IFIP WG 5.7 - Advances in Production Management Systems; member of the Editorial Board of International Journal of Production Research (IJPR); member of the Editorial Board of Material Flow Journal; member of the Editorial Board of International Journal of Computer Integrated Manufacturing (IJCIM); and member of the Editorial Board of Production Planning and Control (PPC) journal. He was also General Chair of the VI ICPR Conference (International Conference on Production Research) organized by IIS - Institute for Industrial Systems, Faculty of Technical Sciences, University of Novi Sad, in Novi Sad, Yugoslavia, in 1981.

Following a successful career in senior positions within the Serbian manufacturing industry (e.g., JUGO-ALAT Tool Factory in Novi Sad), professor Zelenovic moved into academia in 1966 to become a lecturer at the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering in Novi Sad. In 1971 he was appointed Professor of Mechanical Engineering at the Faculty of Technical Sciences in Novi Sad. Professor Zelenovic was the Dean of the Faculty of Technical Sciences in Novi Sad from 1975 to 1979. He was a Vice-Rector from 1985 to 1987, and, a Rector of the University of Novi Sad from 1987 to 1989. He initiated and executed the project of development of the University of Novi Sad Campus – eleven new facilities and a university square have been constructed. From November 1987 to November 1988, he was the president of the community of the Universities of Yugoslavia.

Professor Zelenovic served as Prime Minister of the Republic of Serbia from February 11 to December 11, 1991.

Professor Zelenovic was elected a Corresponding Member of the Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts on December 3, 1987. He was elected as a full professor and a member of the Academic Council at the United Nations European Center for Peace and Development (ECPD) for the fields of Production Systems Design, Process Control Technology, Reliability and Quality, Organization, and Management of Industrial Systems on June 26, 1992. And on July 26, 2000, he was elected a full member of the Yugoslav Academy of Engineering in Belgrade.

We must also recognize that professor Zelenovic was instrumental in organizing the Department (Institute) of Industrial Systems at the Faculty of Technical Sciences – now the Department of Industrial Engineering and Management and its Research and Technology Center, as a basis for the development of research work in the field of industrial systems and industrial engineering and management, and as a base for cooperation with business enterprises (third mission of university). Also, he was responsible that professor John Leonard Burbidge got the honorary doctorate at the University of Novi Sad as the recognition of his contribution to the establishment and development of the Serbian advanced school of Industrial Engineering and Management. Zelenovic and Burbidge had extraordinary intensive cooperation in the field of Group Technology.

Professor Zelenovic was decorated with several awards in Yugoslavia and Serbia for his achievements and contribution to the higher education: the Order of Labor with a silver wreath, the Order of Merit for the People with silver rays, the Order of Labor with a red flag, the October Award of the City of Novi Sad, the Award of the Liberation of Vojvodina and the medal “Prof. Dr. Pavle Stankovic”.

His associates will remember professor Zelenovic as an extraordinary professor, caring mentor, gifted colleague, remarkable engineer, coach, father, and a great friend.