

IN MEMORIAM
Academician Josip Božičević
(1929–2021)

Academician Josip Božičević, member of the Scientific Council, former Dean of the Faculty of Transport and Traffic Sciences at the University of Zagreb, who founded our journal *Promet – Traffic&Transportation* in 1989, died in Zagreb on 13 March 2021 at the age of 92.

He was born on 17 March 1929 in Josipdol and completed primary and secondary school in Ogulin. He graduated from the Technical Faculty, Civil Engineering Department, traffic course, and was appointed as Associate Professor at the Faculty of Civil Engineering in 1971. From 1971 to 1982 he was a lecturer at the College of Road Transport in Zagreb, which, thanks to his distinguished efforts, grew into the Faculty of Transport and Traffic Sciences, where he was Dean for four terms of office.

He obtained his first PhD title in 1965 at the Faculty of Architecture and Civil Engineering in Ljubljana in the scientific field of civil engineering, and the second one in 1983 at the Faculty of Maritime Studies and Transport in Rijeka in the scientific field of transport technology.

From 1990 to 1992 he was Minister of Transport and Communications in the Government of Democratic Unity and a member of the Crisis Unit of the Republic of Croatia.

In 1997, he was elected a full member of the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts, Department of Technical Sciences, and from 1998 to 2003 he was a member of the Presidency of the Academy. He was also one of the founders of the Croatian Academy of Engineering and its first President from 1994 to 1997.

During his prolific research work, he published 130 scientific and professional papers, including 13 authored books. The most prominent is his study titled *Evaluation of the Croatian Transport System* from 1992, which served as the basis for the development of a comprehensive Transport Development Strategy in Croatia.

Academician Josip Božičević received numerous highest national awards for his contribution to the development of science, economy, Croatian statehood and advancement.

He will be remembered for his smiling face and being always ready to share new thoughts and insights, both in the field of technical sciences and in daily life. He rejoiced at each new piece of news about the progress of our journal and the realization that we have been achieving our goals since the day it was founded, for which we are especially grateful.

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