

Dear Land Surveyors,

Since the publication of the previous issue of *Geodetski vestnik*, we have experienced a campaign and a general election to the Parliament of the Republic of Slovenia, which means that in a strictly geodetical sense – albeit only symbolically – we have mapped the beginning and the end of a boundary. This is the main reason that the editorial you are reading pushes aside the challenges of our profession, but I had little choice.

As we all well know, politicians strive to persuade as many individuals as possible to agree with them, which is why one should adhere to reading between the lines while listening to their words. One may come across a similar situation in geodesy – for example, during measurements to determine the boundaries of individual plots of land. To obtain a good result, a land surveyor should be "likeable" for all the parties involved. We will use another opportunity to say a word or two about reading and of course discussing between land-surveying lines.

I guess you have all frequently heard the phrases *They are all the same.* and *One vote makes no difference,* but one has to admit that they offer a very convenient excuse. I leave it to your political judgement whether they are valid or not. As you are reading the editorial of *Geodetski vestnik*, take a challenge and replace the "politics" above with "land surveying" and start reading from the beginning. One starts feeling more at home, no?

Dear colleagues, do not think about what others should do to spur you into action, better consider what you yourself should do to make others do what should be done. The thought has been difficult to shape; it is not simple to read, let alone act upon it. There is no need for a revolution; it only takes to combine the wisdom of senior colleagues and the agility of junior ones, so that everybody would cross the finish line at the same time.

We can debate upon things said so far at length, but other professions are paid for that, those that also shape the destiny of land-surveying profession – whether we like or not, whether we accept our destiny or not. In the Slovene language, the verb "to vote" (*voli*) can also be used as a plural noun, denoting a hardworking animal – at least it was considered such in the past, technological advancements have changed that – an animal that was used to pull heavy loads, to sweat and toil in fields; an animal that was robbed of its "nuts"; whence a lack of zeal for advancement and for climbing the ladder.

Namely, changes – whatever their nature, let's hope that they are changes for the better – require something that rhymes with a body organ that oxen lack. And one can change something by voting. In land-surveying, we do not vote and, of course, we are no oxen, which is why we simply do what has to be done.

Good luck!