

Sedemdesetemu letniku na pot

Launching the Seventieth Volume

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Zakoračili smo v 70. letnik revije Geodetski vestnik, od prvega letnika pa je, ker revija štiri leta ni izhajala, minilo že 73 let. To je že doba, ko med nami ni več očitvidcev, ki so soustvarjali ali v času izida prebirali prve številke. Ni več živih spominov na nastajanje prvih številok in prvih letnikov, na zagotovo številne začetne izzive, tako glede vsebine, uredniškega dela kot same tehnologije priprave revije.

Danes, ko proces priprave vsake številke poteka razmeroma utečeno, predvsem zaradi vseh možnosti, ki jih odpirajo urejanje in izmenjevanje besedil in slik v digitalni obliki, svetovni splet in elektronska pošta, si niti ne predstavljamo, kako se je vse to dogajalo v začetnih letih. Kolikšen trud, kakšna opravila, katere dileme so se postavljale pred prve ustvarjalce, kaj vse je bilo potrebno, da lahko danes s ponosom predstavljamo 70. letnik revije ...

Žal se ob tem ponuja vzporednica z dogajanjem v svetu. Tudi večina sveta, vsaj ta, v kateri se štejemo za razvite, končuje že osmo desetletje miru in blagostanja. Zadnji očitvidci trpljenja svetovnih vojn in tegob povojnih obnov se poslavljajo. Niti sedanji voditelji niti večina tistih, ki jim demokratično dajemo podporo, si ne predstavljamo tistih časov. Vojne in spopadi štejejo za herojsko dejanje, kjer s pokoritvijo nasprotnika uveljaviš svoje blagostanje, svoje sebične interese. Pa vendar je že od nekdaj samoumevno, da v nobeni vojni ni zmagovalcev. So samo manjši in večji poraženci.

Čeprav nam posamezni vojni dopisniki ob velikem osebnem tveganju skušajo prikazati trpljenje navadnih ljudi na obeh straneh spopada, se mnogih to komaj dotakne. Raje vzpodbujajo in podpirajo dodatne naložbe v oboroževanje, v krepitev sredstev za povzročanje trpljenja, nasprotniku in sebi. Ob vsem dogajanju v današnjem svetu se lahko le vprašamo: Koliko let miru in ugodja nas sploh še čaka, koliko let razumevanja in pripravljenosti na reševanje vsekakor rešljivih razlik in nasprotij po razumni poti? In ob tem tudi: Koliko letnikov Geodetskega vestnika je še pred nami?

Kot se zdi včasih, je še najlepše prav to, da odgovorov na takšna vprašanja nimamo. Ne vemo, koliko mirnih let in koliko letnikov našega Vestnika nam je še namenjenih. Zato lahko toliko lažje in popolneje sprejmemo, kar nam je na voljo. In ob prvi številki 70. letnika Geodetskega vestnika se vsaj glede tega ne moremo pritoževati.

Številka je zopet obširnejša kot večina številok minulih let. Kakovostni in odmevni znanstveni članki v prvem delu so že stalnica in Geodetski vestnik je postal revija, ki je zanimiva za znanstvene objave tako

slovenskih kot tujih avtorjev. Zato pa s toliko večjim zadovoljstvom ugotavljam, da se nadaljuje trend objavljanja strokovnih prispevkov iz domačega, slovenskega okolja, kar je bila tudi pogosto slišana želja naših bralcev.

V tej, prvi številki novega letnika je takšnih prispevkov kar devet. Opisujejo raznolika področja, od arhiviranja TTN, analize in obnove mejnikov meja nekdanjih upravnih enot, pridobivanja in analiziranja prostorskih podatkov, delavnice opazovanja zemlje s podporo umetne inteligence do zakonodaje in upravnih postopkov ter predstavitev knjige nekdanjega urednika, ki je Geodetski vestnik povzdignil v mednarodno primerljivo znanstveno revijo. Tradicionalnim novicam Geodetske uprave in Fakultete za gradbeništvo in geodezijo UL se tokrat pridružuje opis dogajanja v matični sekciji geodetov Inženirske zbornice Slovenije ob koncu mandata sedanjega vodstva. Poleg pregleda naslovov in tem zaključnih nalog študentov diplomskih in magistrskih študijev predstavljamo novega doktorja znanosti geodezije. Ob takšni obilici vsebine bomo lažje pogrešali novice iz društev, je pač zimsko obdobje, ko je aktivnosti manj.

With this issue, Geodetski Vestnik enters its 70th volume – yet 73 years have passed since the first, as the journal did not publish for four years in between. After such a long period, none who witnessed those early issues firsthand – whether as contributors or as readers – remain among us. There is no living memory on the creation of first issues and volumes, nor of the initial challenges that were undoubtedly significant, ranging from the preparation of content through editorial work to the publishing technology of the time.

Today, with each issue produced through a well-established process – made possible above all by digital text and image editing, the Internet, and email – it is difficult to imagine how everything was managed in those early years. How much effort, how many tasks, how many difficulties must have been faced by those first creators for us to be able to present the 70th volume of the journal with pride.

Unfortunately, what is happening in the world today offers an uncomfortable parallel. Much of the world – at least that part that considers itself developed – is also approaching to the close of its eighth decade of peace and prosperity. The last witnesses to the suffering of the World Wars and the hardships of post-war reconstruction are taking their leave. Neither today's leaders nor the majority of those of us who support them through democratic processes can truly imagine what those times were like. War and conflict are increasingly regarded as heroic endeavours, as effective means of advancing one's own prosperity or selfish interests through the subjugation of an adversary. And yet it has always been self-evident that there are no winners in wars. There are only losers – some greater, some lesser.

Although war correspondents, at great personal risk, endeavour to show us the suffering of ordinary people on both sides of a conflict, many remain impassive to their reports. They still encourage further investment in armament – in the build-up of means to inflict suffering, on the adversary and on themselves alike. In the face of all that is happening in the world today, one can only ask: How many more years of peace and comfort await us – how many more years of understanding and willingness to resolve what are, after all, resolvable differences and conflicts through reasonable means? And, alongside that: How many more volumes of Geodetski Vestnik lie ahead of us?

Perhaps the beauty lies precisely in not knowing the answers. We do not know how many more years of peace – nor how many more volumes of the Vestnik – we will have the opportunity to enjoy. And so we can all the more readily and fully appreciate what we have. With the first issue of the seventieth volume of Geodetski Vestnik, we have, at least in that regard, no reason to complain.

Again, this issue is somewhat thicker than most in recent years. High-quality and well-received scientific papers in the first section have become a constant, and Geodetski Vestnik has established itself as a journal that attracts submissions from both Slovenian and international authors. This is why I note with great pleasure the continuing trend of publishing professional contributions from our own, Slovenian context – something that has also been a frequently expressed wish in our readership.

This first issue of the new volume includes as many as nine such contributions. They cover a diverse range of topics – from the archiving of the Basic Topographic Plan, the analysis and renovation of old boundary marks of historical administrative units, the acquisition and analysis of spatial data, and an Earth observation workshop supported by artificial intelligence, updates on legislation and administrative practice, and the presentation of a book by a former editor who elevated Geodetski Vestnik to the level of an internationally comparable scientific journal.

The traditional sections covering the news from the Slovenian Surveying and Mapping Authority and the Faculty of Civil and Geodetic Engineering at the University of Ljubljana are complemented by a report on the activities in the geodesy section of the Slovenian Chamber of Engineers, as the current leadership's term draws to a close. Finally, alongside an overview of the titles and topics of bachelor's and master's theses, we introduce a new doctor of science in geodesy. With such an abundance of content, the absence of news from the societies will perhaps be easier to overlook – it is, after all, the winter period, when activities are fewer.