CIT — The First Fifteen Years

This year, the Journal of Computing and Information Technology (CIT) has published its 15th volume, and this provides a good opportunity to look back and review development of the journal, which was launched in 1993. The main driving force was a desire to create a quality international scientific research journal in the area of computer science and information technology that would publish original research. In addition to its world-wide international orientation, the journal also intended to pay attention to publishing of European research.

Over the years, the journal has steadily developed its editorial and reader base. Today, CIT brings together sixteen associate editors who are internationally known experts in various fields of computing and information technology. International character of the editorial board is also reflected in its representation: Austria, Canada, Croatia, Hungary, Italy, Slovenia, Sweden, UK, and USA.

A significant step up in the development of CIT Journal happened in 2003, when our own developed web-based manuscript tracking system was introduced. This has reduced paper work and improved communication between all participants in the review process. At the same time, an electronic version of the journal was launched, which was an important way of making the journal content widely available. Following the Open Access movement, the open access policy was accepted for CIT Journal, making all published papers freely available online in full-text. A new feature called "Advance Published Papers" was introduced to make accepted papers available electronically, even before a printed journal was published, thereby reducing time-to-publication. The next development was introduction of DOI (digital object identifier), as a unique identifier for digital documents, maintained by crossref.org.

Over the years, many talented individuals volunteered their time and knowledge for the benefit of CIT Journal. The journal would not have existed without effort of these fine people. Among them we should mention the founding Editor-in-Chief Professor Leo Budin, and Editors Professors Branko Jeren, Vlatko Čerić, Vlado Glavinić, Slobodan Ribarić, and Dean Rosenzweig, all from the University of Zagreb, who had a challenging task of defining the aims and scope and editorial policy of the journal and launching it as a new scientific periodical. Professor Vlatko Čerić from the University of Zagreb was the second Editor-in-Chief, who continued development of the journal. Director of the journal, Professor Slavko Krajcar from the University of Zagreb, took care of the financial operation of the journal. Numerous editors and members of the editorial board all contributed their knowledge for improvement of the journal. Ministry of Science, Education, and Sports of the Republic of Croatia has provided financial support for the journal. The publisher, University of Zagreb Computing Centre, headed by Mr. Zoran Bekić, has provided financial and logistic support. In particular, our Assistant Editor Vesna Hljuz Dobrić has always taken care that CIT issues are printed on time and has overseen all phases of the journal publishing process. We

regret to inform you that two of our editors have recently passed away, Professor Dean Rosenzweig from the University of Zagreb and Professor Attila Kuba from Szeged University, Hungary. We are thankful for their friendship and invaluable support to the CIT journal.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all current and past editors, guest editors, members of the editorial board, reviewers, and authors for making CIT journal possible. We look forward to further development of the journal and to many future CIT issues presenting state-of-the art in various areas of computing and information technology.

Leo Budin
CIT Editor-in-Chief, 1993–1996

Vlatko Čerić
CIT Editor-in-Chief, 1996–1999

Sven Lončarić
CIT Editor-in-Chief, 1999–now