

Foreword

The 50th anniversary of Theoretical and Applied Mechanics

Our journal, *Theoretical and Applied Mechanics* (TAM), celebrates its 50th anniversary this year and the entire volume is dedicated to our anniversary. The journal was founded in 1975 by professor Veljko Vujičić, who served as the founding editor-in-chief for twenty years, till 1995. After that, professors Teodor Atanacković and Djordje Djukić served as co-editors-in-chief from 1996 till 2001. They were succeeded by professor Milan Mićunović, who was the editor-in-chief for the next 13 years, from 2002 till 2014. The signatory of this letter, Vladimir Dragović, has been honoured to serve as the editor-in-chief since 2015.

The initial publishers of the journal were the *Yugoslav Society of Mechanics* and *Mathematical Institute of the Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts*. The current publishers are the *Serbian Society of Mechanics* and *Mathematical Institute of the Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts*. Through its entire history, TAM has been published by academic publishers only and run on a non-profit basis. The journal is proud of its politics of serving the academic community and being free both for authors and readers.

TAM has been fortunate to have an array of significant members of the Editorial Board, as well as authors, reviewers, and high-quality papers over the course of a half of the century. We thank all who contributed to TAM's success.

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