

Annual Assembly meeting of HDST 2014

The Assembly of the Croatian Society for Mechanical Engineering (HDST) was held on 14th November 2014 in Split, at the "Mornar" rowing club at the address "Ulica Mediteranskih igara 9". Seventeen of the twenty-six regular members participated in the work of the assembly. A working presidency of three members was formed, led by the president Ph.D. Full Professor Dražen Živković. Other members of the working presidency were Mag.oec. Zvonko Mrduljaš and Petar Ljumović, Mech. Eng. Spec., Senior Laboratory Technician / Lecturer. After introductory words of welcoming the chairman of the working presidency, the proposed agenda was adopted unanimously, as follows:

- HDST President's report on the work of HDST in the period from 2012 to 2014,
- Aligning the HDST statute with the new Law on Associations,
- Report on the Third (MTSM 2013) and Fourth (MTSM 2014) International Scientific Conference on Machining Technologies organized by HDST and co-organizers,
- Acceptance of the HDST financial report for the period from 2012 to 2014,
- Various.

HDST President reported to members of the society about the activities in which the society operated in the period from 2012 to 2014. In this period, HDST's activity consisted of seminars for mechanical engineers working in construction industry and in organization of two international conferences in the field of mechanical engineering. These conferences were successfully organized, while planned seminars were not held due to the poor response of mechanical engineers from the construction sector. Since HDST has the approval of the Ministry of Construction and Physical Planning for the maintenance of training seminars for mechanical engineers, HDST will continue to work on the organization of training seminars.

In the period from 2012 to 2014, HDST has improved its web page, and has also made a significant number of visits to the site (a total of about 190,000 visits). HDST President informed members that the new Law on Associations has been in force since 1 October 2014. The task of all associations is to harmonize their statutes with the new law within a year. The HDST Presidency will prepare the necessary amendments and amendments to the Statute in order to align it with the new Law on Associations, to be adopted by the Assembly by the end of September 2015. The Croatian Society for Mechanical Engineering (HDST) from Split organized the third symposium on Mechanical Technologies and Structural Materials (MTSM) 2013 for the third time in Split. The symposium was held on September 26-27, 2013 at FESB. The organizers of the symposium were FESB, HDMT (Croatian Society of Materials and Tribology from Zagreb), DIT (Dublin Institute of Technology - Ireland), SAS - IMMM (Slovak Academy of Science), Rogante Engineering Office (Italy) and the University Department of Professional Studies of the University of Split. HDST organized the fourth international conference on Mechanical Engineering and Structural Materials 2014 for the fourth time in Split (MTSM 2014). The symposium was held from 25 to 26 September 2014 at FESB. The organizers of the symposium were FESB, HDMT (Croatian Society for Materials and Tribology from Zagreb), DIT (Dublin Institute of Technology - Ireland), SAS - IMMM (Slovak Academy of Science), Rogante Engineering Office (Italy) and the University Department for Professional Studies of the University of Split. The Split-Dalmatia County is one of the two main sponsors (the second is FESB) of this conference. Similar to the

MTSM 2013 conference, one of the sponsors is EVN Croatia, which presented its latest activity regarding the gasification of the Split-Dalmatia County. The responses were extremely successful by the reactions of all the participants and gave the organizers an even greater incentive for organizing the next conferences in the coming years. Such gatherings should provide the opportunity for the exchange of experiences in direct contacts to be based on the future cooperation of interested scientific and research subjects, both from the Split-Dalmatia County and from abroad - especially the EU countries. Likewise, the conference is conceived as a gathering that offers younger fellow students, assistants and scholars to present their research work to domestic and foreign experts. At the meeting, the chairman of HDST presented the financial report on the company's business in the period from 2012 to 2014. According to this report, HDST was positive. The report was unanimously accepted.

Under discussion section of the meeting members Dr.Sc. Full Professor Božo Smoljan and Slaven Šitić, Graduate Mech.Eng., suggested that the activity of the society, through cooperation with economic entities, be extended to the whole of Croatia, outside the local HDST headquarters.

Mech. Eng. Šitić has proposed to examine the possibility of live internet transmission of future conferences organized by HDST or to record individual lectures and postings on the Internet. Both proposals are accepted by the members of the Assembly and Assembly will endeavor to achieve them.

President of the HDST,

Dražen Živković, Ph.D., Senior Full Professor