

EDITORIAL

From 21-24 October, 2009, the Faculty of Technology in Leskovac, the University of Niš, organized a traditional international scientific conference - the 8th Symposium on "Novel Technologies and Economical Development". The Symposium is a biennial event that has been organized every 22 October (the Faculty of Technology) since 1994. The Symposium work involves plenary and session lectures, poster presentations and oral lectures. The conference traditionally involves not only the sessions in the field of technology and engineering (Chemical Engineering, Organic Chemical Technology, Biotechnology and Food Technology, Textile Technology and Environmental Engineering) but also a session on social and economic implications of novel technologies.

So far, the greatest number of papers (202) from Serbia, Montenegro, Croatia, Macedonia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Slovenia, Czech Republic and Austria have been presented. The lecturers from renowned universities from the country and abroad held plenary lectures (Ana-Marija Grancarić, Zagreb, Croatia, and Sonja Đilas, Novi Sad, Serbia) and session lectures (Ljiljana Mojović, Belgrade, Serbia; Zorica Đurić, Belgrade, Serbia; Thomas Gamse, Graz, Austria; Velizar Stanković, Bor, Serbia; Miodrag Stamenković, Lesko-

vac, Serbia; Božidar Veljković, Celje, Slovenia, and Dragomir Radovanović, Leskovac, Serbia). The abstracts of all received papers were published in the Book of Abstracts while some of them, after being reviewed and according to authors' wishes, were published *in extenso* in the national scientific journal „Journal of the Faculty of Technology in Leskovac“. As the result of the well-established cooperation between the Faculty of Technology in Leskovac and the editorship of the „Chemical Industry & Chemical Engineering Quarterly“ journal, the majority of plenary and session lectures held on the 8th Symposium and some original scientific papers are published in this volume.

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