

From Editors-in-Chief

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Journal *Thermal Science* informed international scientific community about unexpected death of Prof. Naim Afgan, by publishing short *In Memoriam*, in our last issue No. 6B, Vol. 23, in 2019 (<http://thermalscience.vinca.rs/pdfs/papers-2019/in-memoriam-naim-afgan.pdf>).

Since, our Publishing plan for 2020 included publishing Special issue with set of selected papers presented at the 14th SDEWES Conference held from October 1-8, 2019 in Dubrovnik, Croatia, we proposed to the Chief Guest Editor Prof. Neven Duić, to devote this issue to *Ninety years of the scientific activity of Prof. Naim Afgan*, as a tribute his significant contribution to thermal processes investigations, and also due to his contribution and involvement in activities that as a result had organisation of the 1st *Conference on Sustainable Development of Energy, Water, and Environment Systems* (SDEWESS) in Dubrovnik in June 2002.

Prof. Naim Afgan in his long professional life realised his scientific activity mostly in three scientific institutions: in Institute for Nuclear sciences VINČA, in Laboratory for Thermal Engineering and Energy, where he started his scientific career, in Belgrade, Serbia, at Faculty of Mechanical Engineering and Naval Architecture, University of Zagreb, and finally at Technical University of Lisbon, in Portugal. To present his scientific contributions and his scientific activity in general, we agreed with Prof. Neven Duić, to invite reputed representatives of the mentioned institutions, to give short, but deep insight of the scientific contributions of Prof. Naim Afgan, and his influence on scientific profiles of those institutions.

Dr. Predrag Stefanović, Research Professor in Laboratory for Thermal engineering and Energy, Prof. Zvonimir Guzović, Full professor at Faculty of Mechanical Engineering and Naval Architecture and Prof. Maria da Graça Carvalho, Full professor at Technical University of Lisbon, currently member of the European Parliament (2019-2024), and full Member of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE), kindly accepted our invitation.

Since, in 2020 has been planned 4th South East Europe *Conference on Sustainable Development of Energy, Water, and Environment Systems* (SEE SDEWESS) in Sarajevo, Prof. Neven Duić, proposed to Chair of Programming and Organizing Committee Prof. Tarik Kupusović, to include in Conference Programme Memorial session: *Ninety years of Prof. Naim Afgan* and SPECIAL SESSION: *Measuring sustainability - Dedicated to Prof. Naim Afgan, the founder of SDEWES conference series*.

The 4th SEE SDEWESS 2020 has been held Online, due to Covid19 Pandemia, from June 28th to July 2nd, 2020 in Sarajevo.

In this issue of the journal THERMAL SCIENCE, devoted to memory on Prof. Naim Afgan, in order to present his significant scientific contributions in different topics and important scientific activity aiming to increase international scientific cooperation, we will publish presentations held at Memorial session: *Ninety years of Prof. Naim Afgan*:

- The 20th Anniversary of SDEWES: A Tribute to late Professor Naim Afgan and his legacy to ICHMT and SEDEWES, by Kemal Hanjalić.
- Scientific activity and contributions of Prof. Naim Afgan in Institute for Nuclear Sciences, VINČA, by Predrag Stefanović.
- Scientific activity and contributions of Prof. Naim Afgan at Faculty of Mechanical Engineering and Naval Architecture, University of Zagreb, by Zvonimir Guzović.
- The 20th Anniversary of SDEWES: A Tribute to late Professor Naim Afgan, by Maria da Graça Carvalho.

We greatly appreciate to invited lecturers for their excellent and detailed overview of the scientific activity and scientific contributions of Prof. Naim Afgan.

In the name of National Editorial Board of the journal *Thermal Science*, we also appreciate to Prof. Tarik Kupusović and Prof. Neven Duić, who organized session: *Ninety years of Prof. Naim Afgan*, at 4th SEE SDEWESS in Sarajevo and agreed to publish tribute presentations in THERMAL SCIENCE, and so enable wide worlds' dissemination of information about 63 years long scientific life of Prof. Naim Afgan.

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