



## In Memoriam Prof. Goran Martinović, PhD

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With deep sorrow and respect, we remember our dear friend and colleague, professor Goran Martinović, PhD, a distinguished researcher and university professor who left us forever on October 16th, 2025. Professor Goran Martinović, PhD, was born in Orahovica in 1969. After completing his master's degree in 2000, he obtained his doctorate in 2004 in the scientific field of Technical Sciences, area of Computing, at the Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computing, University of Zagreb. Following his doctorate, he worked as an assistant professor from December 2004, as an associate professor from 2009, as a full professor from 2012, and since 2017 as a full professor with tenure at FERIT Osijek, where he also served as Vice Dean for Science and International Cooperation. During his scientific and teaching career, he participated in establishing numerous undergraduate, graduate, and postgraduate study programs at FERIT.

Together with his collaborators and friends, Professor Martinović worked in an environment marked by professionalism, closeness, and humanity. He inspired everyone around him with his hard work and optimism, always accompanied by a cheerful spirit and enthusiasm. Over nearly three decades at FERIT, through his vision and dedication, he guided many young people toward scientific and professional excellence for the common good. Many former FERIT students will remember him as an outstanding expert, lecturer, and professor. His passing leaves a great void in the academic community, as well as in the hearts of colleagues, collaborators, and students who had the privilege of learning and working alongside him. His exceptional contributions will remain permanently inscribed in our academic and professional community, and his dedication and humanity will be deeply missed.

In his teaching work, he designed and delivered numerous courses and helped develop educational materials. He supervised more than 200 defended graduate and undergraduate theses, two master's theses, and ten doctoral dissertations. His scientific, teaching, and professional activities spanned embedded computer systems, software engineering, distributed computer systems, real-time systems, computer intelligence, and data analysis.

His outstanding contribution to the development of science, industry, and technology is reflected in his extensive involvement in numerous national and international projects, notably DATACROSS, TEAMSOC21, HKO, PROGRESS, and many others. He actively participated in two COST actions and collaborated with numerous foreign and domestic institutions.

He authored or co-authored more than 250 scientific and professional papers, cited in over 1500 other publications, as well as seven edited books. He organized more than twenty professional workshops within the European EuroCC and EuroCC 2 projects, further contributing to the development and dissemination of knowledge in computing. As the founder and Editor-in-Chief of the international scientific journal International Journal of Electrical and Computer Engineering Systems, and as a member of editorial and program boards of numerous journals and conferences, he left an indelible mark on the academic community. He was a member of KoREMA, IEEE, ACM, and the Croatian Academy of Engineering (HATZ). For his contributions to engineering education and his work within IEEE, he received numerous recognitions, including the IEEE Outstanding SMC Chapter Award (2019), the IEEE Croatia Section Award (2008), and the IEEE Letter of Appreciation (2006). He was also the recipient of the annual "Rikard Podhorsky" Award of the Croatian Academy of Engineering.

In 2009, the Faculty of Electrical Engineering, Computer Science and Information Technology Osijek launched the international scientific-professional journal International Journal of Electrical and Computer Engineering Systems, with Prof. Martinović serving as its founding Editor-in-Chief. The first issue was published in June 2010. Since then, it has been published regularly, initially in two issues per year, and now in ten issues per year. Prof. Dr. sc. Martinović performed the role of editor-in-chief with dedication and exceptional expertise from the very beginning until his death, making an invaluable contribution to the development and reputation of the journal. His success is best evidenced by the fact that the International Journal of Electrical and Computer Engineering Systems is included in reputable databases, such as Scopus and Web of Science.

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