

## EDITORIAL

On October 21, 2022, the 26th Biennial International Congress "Tourism & Hospitality Industry" 2022 was held in Ika, hosted by the Faculty of Tourism and Hospitality Management of the University of Rijeka. For the first time, Congress was held together with the 1st scientific-professional conference „Hotelska kuća 2022“.

The congress was supported by professional associations; Association of Employers in the Hotel Industry of Croatia (UPUHH) and National Association of Family and Small Hotels (NUOMH).

Plurality of social, economic, technological, natural, political and other changes have huge effect on their adaptation and development. Consequently, the title of our Congress included variety of aspects: TRENDS AND CHALLENGES. Since tourism and hospitality fall into various fields and disciplines, the authors had the opportunity to write about a wide range of topics.

In addition to the scientific importance of the Congress, its' professional part is also of great importance, which was to bring together distinguished Croatian hoteliers and hotel workers with the aim of contributing to the development of tourism and hospitality in the overall economic development of the Republic of Croatia and beyond.

Of the 40 abstracts received after the first call, 29 papers were sent for review. The authors' manuscripts covered a wide range of topics related to sustainable development, employability and labour market, destination management, hospitality education, food and beverage management, hotel operations, etc. The selection of the papers was made in accordance with a double-blind review process. In the review process, 49 reviewers were involved and contributed to the overall quality of this edition. At the end of the review process, a total of 24 papers were accepted and presented at the Congress. From the accepted papers, the editors selected 2 papers which were given the opportunity to be published in the journal "Tourism and Hospitality Management".

The Proceedings of the 26th Congress, "Tourism and Hospitality Industry – Trends and Challenges" includes presented full papers that have been revised in accordance with reviewer comments. We are grateful for all reviewers' and authors' contributions and hope for the successful cooperation in the organization of future congresses.

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