

2. 4. Organization of Journal Activities

Journal activities are regulated by the Rule book of journal activities which was adopted by the Publishing Council of the journal *Metalurgija* on may 7, 1991. The Rule book was changed according to the Act on Publishing Activities in Republic of Croatia that foresaw no Publishing Councils of journals (which were a means of control in the former system). Therefore, the Publishing Council of the journal *Metalurgija* abolished its activities in 1993. (The list of members of Publishing council was not printed in *Metalurgija* (1993/3). Authorities and obligations of Publishing Council were transferred to the Editorial Board ore the publisher (i.e. co-publisher) ore the founders of the journal.

Already for years Editorial Board has been international (up to 15 members). Conditions to become a member are to be a recognized scientist with published papers in prominent journals, to be in his profession at least scientific advisor (i.e. professor) and to be able to speak at least two world languages (one of them obligatorily English).

The members cover specific scientific branches of metallurgy as fallows:

- physical metallurgy and materials,
- process metallurgy (ferrous and non-ferrous),
- mechanical metallurgy (processing, power, etc.),
- related (boundary) branches: mechanical engineering, chemistry, physics etc.

The members of Editorial Board give independently proposals for referees (or themselves perform this activity, but not more than for five papers a year). They obligatorily get every current copy and, if they want or consider necessary, they may submit their remarks in writing. In this way and in order to reduce expenses the meetings of international Editorial Board are held as a necessary, but at least once per two years. At the meeting are taken minutes. Narrow part of the Editorial Board (Editor-in-chief and technical editors) is authorized to accept papers and transfer them to the other members of Editorial Board to select referees. At these meetings are taken minutes as well, and the meetings are held four times a year.

The members of International Editorial Board were scientists from the most prestigious world states and now its members are: I. Alfirević (Zagreb, Croatia), I. Budić

(Slavonski Brod, Croatia), R. Deželić (Split, Croatia), S. Dobatkin (Moscow, Russia), V. Drujan (Dnepropetrovsk, Ukraine), H. Hiebler (Leoben, Austria), M. Jenko (Ljubljana, Slovenia), M. Jurković (Rijeka, Croatia), R. Kawalla (Freiberg, Germany), L. Lazić (Sisak, Croatia), I. Mamuzić (Sisak, Croatia), L. Mihok (Košice, Slovakia), V. Roubiček (Ostrava, Czech Republic), F. Vodopivec (Ljubljana, Slovenia).

A special attention is paid to referee reports of articles. Every scientific article has at least two referee reports (Professional at least one). Referee reports are also international. For instance, in 2000 there were 57 referees (140 accepted articles), of which 18 were from Croatia and even 39 from abroad.

In 2001 there were 51 referees (133 accepted articles), of which 15 from Croatia, and 36 from abroad.

It is clear, there is also a referee report form with categorization of articles and Instructions for authors.

It is obvious that Croatia in its national journal *Metalurgija*, which is world-recognized and prestigious, has an affective and up-to-date media for rich international collaboration and presentation of Croatian science in this field of researching. The Journal, not only by its diversity and riches of topics, but as well by a great number of authors and their scientific profiles from more then 20 countries has justified its serving the purpose.

At the occasion of 40th anniversary of publishing the journal "Bibliography 1962 - 2001" was also published.

The members of its Editorial Board provided an important contribution to the continuous and successful publication of *Metalurgija*. Although they work on voluntary bases their efforts and endeavours have made it possible to overcome numerous technical, organizational, and financial difficulties in the time past.

In conclusion we would like to express the wish of us all: may this journal keep achieving even bigger and better results in the future. We also wish to thank to authors, all members of the Editorial Board, and especially the Ministry of Science and Technology for their financial support to the journal.

We also thank many other people for their assistance and for they have done for the successful publication of the *Metalurgija* in the course of 42 years.