

National Award for Science

Prof. dr. sc. Ratko Zelenika

Committee for the National Awards for Science in 2010, awarded Professor Ratko Zelenika, a full professor with tenured position at the Faculty of Economics University of Rijeka Lifetime Achievement Award for his entire scientific research in social sciences and for his distinguished and extensive life opus.¹ During his long years of intensive scientific work, Professor Zelenika has proved to be a prolific researcher who applied his theoretical knowledge successfully both into practice and to many generations of students in Croatia and abroad. He has significantly contributed to the development of scientific thought in the scientific disciplines of forwarding, international freight forwarding, transport, insurance and reinsurance services, logistics, as well as to the methodology and technology of scientific research. Not only are his research results recognized at national level but are renowned within international framework.

Professor Ratko Zelenika was born in Jablan in 1941, in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina. He lives and works in Croatia. He graduated and earned his Master's degree at the Faculty of Economics Rijeka, and defended his doctoral thesis in economics at the Faculty of Economics in Zagreb in 1984. He did his specialization in Rostock (six months in 1986) and Frankfurt on Mein (six months in 1989). He was involved in Rijeka's economy by starting his job career as early as 1959, and since then until 1978, he was responsible for operations of international forwarding, international traffic and foreign trade. From 1978 to date, he has been employed at the University of Rijeka, first at the Faculty of Maritime Studies, and then, from 1991 until today at the Faculty of Economics Rijeka. He earned his academic advancement to a scientific advisor and academic rank of full professor at the Faculty of Economics in Zagreb in 1985, while in 1997, he was elected to tenured position as a full professor at the Faculty of Economics, University of Rijeka.

For thirty-five years Professor Ratko Zelenika has continuously been involved in explicit, implicit, disciplinary, interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary scientific

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research of topical issues as well as intensively engaged in educating undergraduates, MA and PhD students in the disciplines where he gained extremely valuable results and competencies, and these are as follows: Science of Science, i.e. Scientific Research Methodology; Forwarding and international freight forwarding; Transportation and traffic; Insurance and reinsurance; Logistics.

Warmest congratulations to the laureate by the members of the Editorial Board.