



ECEC Medal

ECEC Award of Honour 2016 to ECEC Past President Dr. Mirko Orešković

The ECEC medal

It is always important to appreciate all those people, who have invested a countless amount of time, energy and enthusiasm to contribute to topics that connect engineers all over Europe.

In regard to current European developments – for example in view to professional deregulation – the existence of a strong European representation of the interests of European Chartered Engineers is at higher importance than ever.

At the moment over 300.000 Chartered Engineers in 16 countries directly benefit from the successful work of ECEC. Therefore, the ECEC Executive Board decided that it is more than just and equitable to honour those persons, who made, make and will make outstanding and essential contributions to build up such a strong and effective representation.

Award to ECEC Past President Dr. Mirko Orešković

The ECEC Executive Board has decided unanimously to award the ECEC medal to the Past President Mirko Orešković.

Born in 1943, Orešković graduated from the University of Zagreb with a degree in Civil Engineering in 1968. In 1988, he became Master of Sciences of Organization in Construction and earned his Doctoral degree with a dissertation on Project Management in Construction in 2004.

He had started his professional career as an apprentice on the site and step by step he has become design engineer, consultant and chief manager of complex sites. He has founded its own enterprise called Investinženjering d.o.o. and nowadays he is a president of the GI Group, consortium of different private enterprises which offers wide range of professional services.

In Croatia, he was the pioneer who started with independent monitoring within a building process. He published two books in his professional life. The first one in 2011, called *Construction project and its book (subtitle Manual of the Project Team)* which is an excellent manual for all Civil Engineers who are involved in the management of the great Engineering Projects. The second one was published last year and bears a title *Project Management in Building Process*. Today he is recognized as one of the leading professionals in the field of Construction in Croatia.

Mirko Orešković is and has always been very active in various Engineers' organisations in Croatia and in Europe where he invested great efforts for better social recognition of the professional position and the value of engineering activities. He was one of the strong supporters of the idea of establishing the European Engineers Chamber, finally realised through the establishment of the ECEC.

He was a head organiser of Dubrovnik meeting in autumn 2002, where an agreement of engineer's chambers representatives on establishment of ECEC a year later was reached. As founding member of the ECEC, he was the first Vice-President (2003-2006) and its President in the period 2006-2009. Until last year, he served the ECEC as Auditor.

In 2008, under his Presidency ECEC prepared and accepted its Code of Conduct. And it was Mr. Orešković, who introduced the first draft competence profile of EU Chartered Engineer which was later on used as one of the basis for a formation of a common platform for chartered engineers, proposed by ECEC to European Commission in 2010. It can be said with no doubt that both proposals are predecessors of the "EU Chartered Engineer" which will be an outcome of the ongoing EU Project called Common Training Principles for Engineers.

Last but not least, Mr. Orešković was one of the initiators for establishing Engineer's Initiative for Regional Cooperation (IIRS) in the region of west Balkans, founded in 2011. He was and still is its tireless and highly respected coordinator.

His slogan was and remains: Europe's interest in developing construction projects is to have expert service across Europe, because this is the base on which we are developing Europe as a place of knowledge and ability.

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