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Dear Reader,

Year 2012 is running out. Last December days bring festive atmosphere in each home, office or research laboratory. Let last December days bring joy and peacefulness to all. It is the time to look back to the whole 2012, but also to look ahead and make plans for the coming year.

In the last December days Society MIDE M has lost an outstanding member Professor Marija Kosec. After several months of fight against incurable illness Professor Marija Kosec passed away on 23 Dec 2012. She was a wonderful person, scientist, innovator, leader and mentor. She had been the head of Electronic Ceramics Department of Institute »Jozef Stefan« and led the Centre of Excellence NAMASTE, member of several committees, societies and two academies: Slovenian Academy of Engineering and World Academy of Ceramics, and recipient of several national and international awards. She is past president and past vice-president of the Society MIDE M (Society for Microelectronics, Electronic Devices and Materials) and the Chairperson of the MIDE M 2012 – the 48th International Conference on Microelectronics, Devices and Materials with the Workshop on Ceramic Microsystems that was held in September 19-21, 2012 in Otočec, Slovenia.

For more on her work, you can read In memoriam of Prof. Kosec at the end of this issue or browse VideoLectures.net (an EU supported project of the Institute »Jozef Stefan«), where nine of her lectures are posted.

Marija Kosec was named Ambassador of Science of the Republic of Slovenia in 2003, but she had been acting as ambassador of our society since 1989, when she became a vice-president. She was a bright star on the sky of Slovenian Science, a bright star that will keep shining on our society. We will keep a lasting memory of her.

This issue brings seven papers contributed from distinguished invited speakers at the MIDE M 2012 Conference that were selected by co-chairpersons Prof. Marija Kosec and Darko Belavič to present the state-of-the-art achievements from the broad field of Ceramic Microsystems.

Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

Marko Topič
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