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## **NATIONAL, HISTORICAL, CULTURAL AND SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE JOURNAL**

Journal *Uzdanica* is a trademark of the tradition of the Faculty of Education in Jagodina. Founded during the Teachers' School, it was published at all stages of the development of this institution.

The first issue was published in 1939, and the journal itself originated from the student association *Uzdanica*, which was founded in 1899. Until 2006, the journal was published intermittently and had the concept of a pedagogical-literary journal. Since then, it has grown into a scientific journal that is registered on the list of scientific journals of the Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development.

This year (2019), therefore, it is 80 years since the founding of the Journal. Its importance for the preservation of cultural national heritage can best be illustrated by the fact that it was an extremely important and popular literary and pedagogical newsletter for students of teachers and other schools throughout Yugoslavia, with a circulation of almost an incredible 2500 to 4100 copies. In addition to literary works, pedagogical contributions of students were also published. Decades have shown that the editorial policy and selection of works were of an exceptional level, so the students of that time published their first literary works in *Uzdanica*, who would later enrol in the history of Serbian literature. Some of them are Dobrica Erić, Momčilo Tešić, Milisav Savić, Laslo Blašković.

The national, cultural and social significance of the journal *Uzdanica* is undisputable, which, in addition to its significance for the history of Serbian literature, is a testimony to the exceptional role of student associations for the cultural life of the environments in which they operated. This is evidenced by the fact that in 2019 the Faculty of Education in Jagodina at the competition of the Ministry of Culture and Information (as the only higher education institution in the country) won a project in the field of discovery, collection, research, documentation, study, evaluation, protection, preservation, presentation, interpretation, use and management of archival material, entitled *One hundred and twenty years of the Association Uzdanica – study, preservation and presentation of archival material related to the establishment and operation of the Association*.

Since it changed the concept and grew into a scientific journal for language, literature and educational sciences, *Uzdanica* has been published in a regular rhythm (2 times a year). All volumes were deposited in the Repository of the National Library of Serbia within an adequate deadline. Papers are reviewed. Since the change of concept, the Journal has been on the list of scientific journals of the Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development (first



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in the category M53, and since 2010, it has been placed in the category M52). Very soon, in 2008, the Pedagogical Movement of Serbia awarded the journal the “Vasa Pelagić” award as the educational newsletter of the year for top achievements in education.

The first editor (2006–2017) was Dr Tiodor Rosić, full professor, and since 2017 the editor has been Dr Ilijana Čutura, full professor. Some of the issues are thematic and are prepared in cooperation with the most competent guest editors (Dr Miloš Kovačević, Dr Zorana Opačić, Dr Emina Kopas-Vukašinović, Dragan Lakićević).

Two published volumes of the Journal represent co-publishing projects of the Faculty of Education and the Serbian Literary Association and have a very high category. These two volumes (14/2 in 2017) and (12/1 in 2015) represent the most significant writers and their literal works in Serbia today. Number 16/1 in 2019, also as a co-publishing project with the Serbian Literary Cooperative, was dedicated to Grozdana Olujić’s novel *Preživeti do sutra* [engl. *Survive Until Tomorrow*]. Volume 9/1 (2012) presents the results of the international development project Education Policy. Volume 15/2 (2018) was also of a thematic character, dedicated to the innovativeness of educational ideas of Sreten Adžić, who 121 years ago founded the Jagodina Teachers’ School, conceiving it as a unique revolutionary educational system.

In 2018, on the occasion of the 120th anniversary of the founding of the Jagodina Teachers’ School and the 15th anniversary of the new series of the Journal, and on the eve of the eightieth anniversary of the Journal, the University Library in Kragujevac and the Faculty of Education in Jagodina published the Bibliography of *Uzdanica* (2003–2017) as a separate publication.

