

Hrvoje Domitrović

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It is with great sadness in my heart that I inform you of the passing of our dear colleague, friend and mentor, Professor Hrvoje Domitrović.

To many of us you were much more than just a colleague. You were an inexhaustible source of energy and motivation, full of ideas, visions and plans for the future. When these ideas needed to be turned into specific projects or patents, you were there for us to show us how. You watched over us and made things happen, even when we could not quite comprehend how you managed to do it. Personal and professional advice you had been giving us all these years always proved to be fruitful, coming from your vast life experience you were so willing to share. For the past four years you had been fighting your illness. Many people came to us, asking how you were, saying all the best about you. That is the kind of man you were.

To me, you were a respected colleague, my mentor and a father figure. Choosing you as my mentor all those years ago changed my life in more ways than I can express. Your guidance helped me become the man I am today.

You will be sorely missed, but the light that stays behind you will be cherished in our hearts forever.

Asst. Prof. Marko Horvat

Short biography

Hrvoje Domitrović was born in Varaždin, Croatia. He received his academic degrees from the University of Zagreb, Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computing. His career began in industry in 1982, when he started working as a designer of digital circuitry and devices used for speech processing and transmission. Four years later he took a position on Croatian Radio, where his work was focused on implementing digital and computer technology in radio broadcasting and program production. In 1991 he returned to his alma mater to take an assistant position at the Department of electroacoustics, thus starting what would become a long and fruitful academic career, crowned by earning the distinguished professor tenure position in 2017. His scientific work is reflected in over 120 publications in books, journals and congress proceedings. He participated in numerous research projects, both as project leader or a participant. Thanks to his initiative to establish the Auralisation laboratory, the research field of auralisation was introduced in Croatia.

Professional work of Hrvoje Domitrović includes over 60 projects related to room acoustics design, sound reinforcement systems, noise protection, and complete technical solutions for radio stations. These projects were implemented in local radio stations, large radio and TV studios, theatres, concert halls, churches and cathedrals.

His teaching work was extensive. He held several mandatory and elective courses, and introduced many new ones into the curriculum at all levels of academic education. He mentored over 150 diploma theses, as well as several doctoral and master theses.

He won numerous awards for excellence, both as a student and as an accomplished professional. He was a member of many academic bodies, as well as scientific and professional organizations, including the Croatian Academy of Engineering, the European Acoustical Association, the Acoustical Society of America, and was one of the co-founders of the Croatian Section of the Audio Engineering Society.

He is survived by his wife and three children.