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In memoriam

PhD SREĆKO M. NIKOLIĆ
(1929–2015)



Prof. Srećko M. Nikolić was a professor at the Faculty of Geography, University of Belgrade and principal research fellow at the Geographical Institute “Jovan Cvijić” of the Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts, and died on the 6th of August 2015. He was born in 1929 in Štrpce, seat of Sirinić district on the slopes of the Šar Mountain in AP Kosovo and Metohija. He finished elementary school in his hometown, lower classes of grammar school in Prizren, and teacher training college in Priština. Further education was continued in Belgrade, first at the Higher School of Pedagogy (geography–history teaching group), and then at the geographical group of the Faculty of Sciences, University of Belgrade where he graduated in 1953. In the mid-1950s, he begins teaching-pedagogical and research work as an assistant for the subject of cartography. The academic degree of Doctor of Geographical Sciences he gained in 1962 defending his doctoral dissertation titled *Complex Economic and Geographical Atlas of Northern Kosovo, with Special Emphasis on the Methods of Preparation of Basic Maps*. He was elected assistant professor at the Department of Geography in 1966, associate professor in 1975 and he becomes full professor in 1981 at the Department of Tourism Sciences at the Faculty of Sciences in Belgrade.

Scientific interest of Srećko Nikolić was the population sciences (demography, population geography, settlement geography, etc.) and cartography. He has taught at the Department of Geography and the Department of Tourism at the Faculty of Sciences in Belgrade (Introduction to Geography, Population and Tourism, Tourist Cartography, Mapping Population and Settlements and other

subjects) and at the Faculty of Philosophy in Priština (Social Geography). He worked at the Centre for Demographic Research of the Institute of Social Sciences, and from 1989 at the Geographical Institute “Jovan Cvijić” SASA as a principal research fellow (where he gained conditions for retirement in 1994). He scientifically studied during the study stays at universities in Moscow, Novosibirsk and Poznan. He was the dean of the Department of Tourism Sciences at the Faculty of Sciences, head of the Department of Cartography of the Geographical Institute “Jovan Cvijić” SASA; he was a member of the Executive Board of the Republic Community of Education and the Serbian Geographical Society.

He is the author of three textbooks, one university (*Introduction to Geography — History of Geography and Geographical Discoveries*, 1977) and two high school textbooks (*Geography*, 1971, and *Economic Geography*, 1972); monograph *Belgrade and its Surroundings* (1974), and over 60 scientific papers in monographs, scientific journals and publications from conferences and symposiums in the country and abroad. His works are characterized by statistical methods and thematic maps, analytical and synthetic character. He participated in the design and implementation of numerous research projects. An important place in the research opus of S. Nikolić holds a complex study of Kosovo and Metohija, especially Šar Mt. districts — Sirinić, Gora, Opolje and Sredska. They are complemented by extensive field research and mapping enclosures, and recognized for an effort to unify the properties of developmental and program as well as the fundamental and applicative scientific research.

His teaching, professional and scientific research work contributed to the development of geographic disciplines he dealt with and development of teaching and research personnel in the institutions with which he cooperated. Although rigorous and demanding, he was a just professor, ready to help students and colleagues. Hardworking and versatile in research, humble and cheerful in spirit, he was cordial and a sincere colleague.

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