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Veliko je zaposlenih na ljubljanski univerzi, ki so z vsem srcem predani svojemu delu. Med temi pa nekateri še posebej izstopajo s svojim neusahljivim entuziazmom in se tudi v zrelih letih še vedno tako zavzeto posvečajo pedagoškemu, raziskovalnemu in strokovnemu delu, kot bi bili na začetku akademske kariere. S takim zanosom in navdušenjem je svoje delo do upokojitve opravljala tudi prof. dr. Lidija Zadnik Stirn. Ko se je pred leti upokojila, smo vsi, ki smo z njo sodelovali in jo dobro poznali, vedeli, da želi, predvsem pa, da je sposobna Biotehniški fakulteti in ljubljanski univerzi še veliko dati. In res se njene znanstvene in strokovne aktivnosti z upokojitvijo niso končale. Še naprej kot vabljen predavateljica nastopa na številnih mednarodnih konferencah, simpozijih in delavnicah s področja operacijskih raziskav, še naprej pomaga pri organizaciji mednarodnih konferenc, vodenju sekcij ter je članica programskih in organizacijskih odborov v Evropi, ZDA ter drugod po svetu. O njenem delu pričajo številna priznanja, ki jih je prejela.

Leta 2016 ji je takratni rektor podelil naziv zasluzna profesorica Univerze v Ljubljani, ki ga prejmejo tisti, ki so pomembno prispevali k razvoju znanstvenega ali umetniškega področja, ob tem pa

predano opravljali pedagoško in mentorsko delo. Listine zaslužnih profesorjev ne pomenijo le izraza zahvale Univerze, ampak tudi iskreno željo po nadaljnem sodelovanju. Prof. dr. Lidija Zadnik Stirn to željo na najboljši možni način udejanja. Še naprej ostaja velika promotorka Biotehniške fakultete in Univerze v Ljubljani.

Konec leta 2018 je v prostorih nove Ekonomske fakultete (WU) na Dunaju, na slavnostni seji ob 40-letnici Avstrijskega društva za operacijske raziskave (ÖGOR), na katero je bila kot častna gostja povabljen, prejela naziv častne članice Avstrijskega društva za operacijske raziskave (ÖGOR). Avstrijci njenega dolgoletnega dela na področju operacijskih raziskav doma in v svetu ter njenega velikega prispevka k razvoju operacijskih raziskav na teoretičnem, aplikativnem in publicističnem področju, tako v interdisciplinarnem kot internacionalnem okolju, niso spregledali.

Zadnje v vrsti pomembnih priznanj pa je prestižna nagrada „DONALD MICHIE - ALAN TURING“ za izjemen prispevek k razvoju in promociji informacijske družbe, ki jo je prof. dr. Lidija Zadnik Stirn prejela za svoje življenjsko delo. Nagrada ji je bila podeljena oktobra 2020 na Inštitutu Jožef Stefan v okviru multikonference Informacijska družba (Information Society – IS). Na petdnevnem znanstvenem srečanju je okoli 160 raziskovalcev predstavilo svoje najnovejše raziskave in odkritja z različnih področij informacijske družbe. Spletne predstavitve v okviru samostojnih konferenc in delavnic se je udeležilo skoraj 300 obiskovalcev. Prof. dr. Lidija Zadnik Stirn je prva ženska, ki je prejela to nagrado in prva sodelavka Biotehniške fakultete, ki se je pridružila uglednim raziskovalcem in znanstvenikom, ki so doslej prejeli to prestižno priznanje, za katero je plaketo oblikoval Oskar Kogoj. Zaposleni na Biotehniški fakulteti smo zelo ponosni na našo kolegico in ji za nagrado iskreno čestitamo, pri nadaljnem delu pa ji želimo še veliko uspehov.

There are many people at the University of Ljubljana who are wholeheartedly committed to their work. Some of them, however, stand out above all for their inexhaustible enthusiasm, and even in their more mature years still devote themselves with as much passion to their educational, scientific and professional work as they did at the beginning of their academic careers. One of these is Prof. Dr. Lidija Zadnik Stirn, who continued to work with full enthusiasm until her retirement. When she retired some years ago, everyone who had worked with her and knew her well, knew that she always maintained her interest and gave all she could to her work at the Biotechnical Faculty and the University of Ljubljana. More than that, her scientific and professional activities did not end with her retirement. She is still a guest lecturer at numerous international conferences, symposia and workshops in the field of operational research, continues to help organise international conferences, leads sections and is a member of program and organising committees in Europe, the USA and around the world. The numerous awards she has received are testimony to her work.

In 2016, the then Rector awarded her the title Professor Emerita of the University of Ljubljana, which is given to those who have made an important contribution to the development of science or art, while at the same time dedicating themselves to educational and mentoring work. The charter of Meritorious Professors is not only an expression of gratitude to the University, but also a sincere wish for further cooperation. Prof. Dr. Lidija Zadnik Stirn fulfils this wish in the best possible way, and remains a great supporter of the Biotechnical Faculty and the University of Ljubljana.

At the end of 2018, she was awarded the title of honorary member of Austrian Society for Operations Research at the Faculty of Economics (WU) in Vienna in a formal session on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of Austrian Society for Operations Research (ÖGOR), to which she was invited as guest of honour, and received the title of honorary member of the ÖGOR. The Austrians have not overlooked her many years of work in the field of Operations Research at home and abroad, and her major contribution to the development of the subject in theoretical, applied and journalistic fields, both in an interdisciplinary and international environment.

The last in a series of important awards is the prestigious “Donald Michie - Alan Turing” award for outstanding contributions to the development and promotion of the information society, which Prof. Dr. Lidija Zadnik Stirn received for her life’s work. The award was presented to her in October 2020 at the Jožef Stefan Institute during the Multiconference Information Society (IS). During the five-day scientific conference, around 160 researchers presented their latest research and discoveries from various areas of the information society. The online presentations were attended by almost 300 visitors at individual conferences and workshops. Prof. Dr. Lidija Zadnik Stirn is the first woman to receive this award and the first employee of Biotechnical Faculty, joining the outstanding researchers and scientists who have received this prestigious prize, for which a plaque designed by Oskar Kogoj was produced. The staff of Biotechnical Faculty is very proud of our colleague, sincerely congratulate her on this award, and wish her every success in her future work. ●