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*PROFESSOR EMERITUS* OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NOVA GORICA

**PROF. DR. MIRAN VESELIČ**

*At its session on 13 May 2020, the Senate of the University of Nova Gorica adopted a decision to award the title of Professor Emeritus of the University of Nova Gorica to Prof. Dr. Miran Veselič for his outstanding contribution to the international reputation and development of the University of Nova Gorica, and his exemplary pedagogical and mentoring work.*

After graduating in geology at the University of Ljubljana in 1972, Prof. Dr. Miran Veselič continued his studies in hydrogeology at the University of Bordeaux I. in France, where he received a PhD in 1978, and the title of Doctor of Engineering in Water Science (Docteur-Ingénieur en Sciences de l'Eau).

After gaining his PhD degree, he worked on a full-time basis at the Institute of Geology, Geotechnics and Geophysics in Ljubljana as a research counsellor and project manager for mine water control until 1993.

He was the Managing Director of the Institute for Mining, Geotechnology and the Environment - the IRGO from 1994 to 2002, and the Managing Director of the ARAO, the Agency for Radioactive Waste Management, from 2002 until his retirement in 2008.

His extensive professional and scientific research, documented in over 700 scientific and professional publications, includes, inter alia, the research on regional water resources, their protection, exploitation of geothermal resources, and thermal as well as mineral water, issues concerning the impact on the environment, including methodological bases for environmental legislation in the field of spatial planning, issues concerning drainage in wetlands, landfills, and mines, and last but not least, the development of measurement techniques and technologies for various applications in hydrogeology.

Prof. Dr. Miran Veselič is a long-standing member of the International Mine Water Association (IMWA); he served as the President of the IMWA between 1995 and 1997, and was appointed Honorary President. He is also a member of the International Association of Hydrogeologists (IAH), where he served as the Secretary General of the Association between 2003 and 2005. He was the co-founder and first President of the Slovenian branch of the IAH - International Association of Hydrogeologists Slovene Committee. In addition to being a member and participant in numerous international and national committees and working bodies, his presidency of the Coordination of Research Organisations of Slovenia (KORIS) between 2000 and 2001 should also be highlighted.

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The professional and pedagogical work of Prof. Dr. Miran Veselič has been closely intertwined with the University of Nova Gorica for 22 years. Over the 2001-2005 period, he was a member of the Senate of the School of Environmental Sciences. As a lecturer and student mentor, he has made a significant contribution to the design of study programmes in the field of the environment, and the relevant placement of important areas such as hydrology and geology in the syllabus at all three study levels. With his extensive professional experience, he has ensured appropriate liaison between these fields and the issues of radioactive waste disposal, environmental management, and sustainable development. Since 2011, he has been actively involved in the University of Nova Gorica management as a member of the Governing Board.

With his international acclaim and engagement, participation in the University management, as well as exemplary pedagogical work, Prof. Dr. Miran Veselič has made a significant contribution to the establishment and reputation of the University of Nova Gorica, at home and abroad.