UNIVERSITY OF ZAGREB

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Dear Colleague,

It is my particular honor and great pleasure to invite you to the annual **UNICA Rectors' Seminar 2009:** *The Role of Evaluation and Ranking of Universities in the Quality Culture,* which will take place in the Center for Advanced Academic Studies of the University of Zagreb in **Dubrovnik, 3-4 July 2009.**

The main topics of the Seminar are the quality assurance and the University ranking. Presentations and discussion among UNICA member universities will help to increase the level of inter-university cooperation in developing quality assurance procedures and processes in line with best practice examples. The quality culture implementation is closely related to university rankings and we are looking forward to the fruitful discussion in this matter. I do hope that this Seminar will help to enhance relations and co-operation between universities and to better understand our opportunities, as well as threats in quality assurance.

The UNICA Rectors' Seminar 2009 will count on the input of high level speakers like **Prof. Serban Agachi**, member of the Executive Committee of IREG, **Prof. Philipe Vincke**, Rector of the Université Libre de Bruxelles and **Prof. Jean-Marc Rapp**, President of the EUA. **Mme Veronique Halloin**, Secretary General of the Fonds de la Recherche Scientifique (Belgium), and a representative from the **European Commission** will enrich the debate with their contributions.

As you can see from the program, the first day of the Seminar is planned for presentations and discussions, and the second day our discussion will be continued in more informal and relaxed atmosphere of Dubrovnik. We are organizing an excursion by boat to one beautiful island close to Dubrovnik for all participants and their companions. We shall do our best to make your participation and stay in Dubrovnik as pleasant as possible.

Please find attached *Registration Form* and *Reservation form* for accommodation and excursion, as well as Draft Programme. Please make sure that you make bookings for your accommodation and flights on time.

Looking forward to welcoming you in Dubrovnik,

Sincerely yours,

Professor Aleksa Bjeliš

Rector of the University of Zagreb