**Esteemed BIM A+ postgraduate students, dear supervisors, respected guests:**

It is with great pride and joy that I greet you as new graduates of the fifth generation of the European Master of Building Information Modelling - BIM A+ at the University of Ljubljana. To date, we have had a great privilege of educating students from over 40 countries, creating a truly international learning environment. Your presence here, from practically all parts of the globe, is proof of the success of this prestigious programme.

I am very proud to lead the Faculty with a programme that has a distinctive and innovative pedagogical *(pedagođikl)* approach, which also contributes to the identity of our faculty and sets us apart as one of the leading institutions, alongside our founding partners at the University of Minho and Politecnico Milano. This programme is distinguished by the pioneering work and leadership of our esteemed lecturers, attracting the attention and admiration of scholars worldwide.

The diversity and depth of your thesis projects, spanning from digital permitting to genetic algorithms, building energy performance optimization, design and planning automation, mixed reality, machine learning, artificial intelligence, kinetic facades, robotic material forming, scan-to-BIM, analytical, costing and Internet of Things digital twin models, to name only a few, emphasize our collective commitment to pushing the boundaries of knowledge and innovation in the field of BIM.

The mission of the Faculty of Civil and Geodetic Engineering is to create, systematically organize and transfer new knowledge from the field of the built environment and, at the same time, educate the engineers of the future. Our professors and researchers laid the foundations in many areas of new technologies and other engineering solutions, from construction IT solutions, earthquake engineering, materials, water management, design, Earth observation, navigation, to the planning and arrangement of space and construction facilities. At all times, they actively participate in the development and amendment of European and national legislation and standardization and comprehensively master the area of their teaching and research. They pass on advanced knowledge from research and professional work to students, who have access to the latest hardware and software in computer classrooms during their studies, complemented by advanced measuring equipment in laboratories and in the field.

As the Stoics thoughtfully stated, "*Wisdom is the reward you get for a lifetime of experience.*" I am very confident that the knowledge and skills you have acquired during your studies at the University of Ljubljana and the University of Minho, and further developed in your theses, will serve as the foundation for a lifetime of meaningful contributions to the built environment.

I truly believe that your journey through experiences will continue to be marked by success and that you will carry the very spirit of BIM A+ - of innovation and collaboration - into your professional lives. I would also like to invite you to consider doctoral studies at our faculty as one of your options for the future.

**Congratulations to each and every one of you!**