



Dr Jezdimir Knezevic, Founder and President of the MIRCE Academy, is a world class researcher, educator and entrepreneur. Over 400 publications disseminated world-wide through books, papers, monographs and reports are attributed to his name. He has been elected as a Fellow, Member or Official of many leading Professional Societies and Institutions worldwide, and actively involved in editorial work with the world's leading and prestigious referred journals and publishing houses. Dr Knezevic has received several international awards for the contributions to science and education.

Encouraged by the excellent response from industry to his research and educational activities, in 1988 Dr Knezevic established a self-financing Centre for Management of Industrial Reliability, Cost and Effectiveness, M.I.R.C.E., at Exeter University, UK. Together with his colleagues, he has developed and delivered over 100 vocational courses and 12 international summer schools for practitioners from industry. Under his leadership, the Centre has attracted over 3000 professional engineers and managers to training and educational Programmes generated an income over 3 million US dollars.

In 1991, Dr Knezevic developed and introduced the first Master of Science Degree in Logistics Engineering in the United Kingdom, at Exeter University. This was followed by the first Master Programme in Reliability and Maintainability Engineering, in 1996, and finally, in 1997 the first Master Programme in System Operational Effectiveness. Through these programmes he has directed and supervised around 200 postgraduate students, holding senior positions in leading global giants including Lockheed Martin, Rolls Royce, British Aerospace, Thomson Training & Simulation, GKN Westland Helicopters, Short Brothers, Martin- Baker, RACAL, United Defense, Kongsberg Defense, Alvis Vehicles (GKN Defence), EDS, Siemens Plessey, Lucas, Chelton Electro-Statics, Royal Air Force, NAMSA, South African Navy, Vickers, GEC Marconi, British Army, Yarrow Shipbuilders, Taiwan Air Force, Royal Norwegian Air Force, University of Singapore, Sentient Systems, Vickers Shipbuilding and Engineering.

In 1999 Dr Knezevic started the development of the body of knowledge for prediction of the functionability performance of functionable system types, which he named MIRCE Science. To fully focus on the research he resigned from the Exeter University and established the MIRCE Academy, at Woodbury Park, Exeter, UK. Under his leadership, the Academy has educated thousands of professionals coming from Industry, Government and Military Organisations world-wide and runs internationally recognised Master and Doctoral Diplomas Programmes in MIRCE Science, Mechanics, Engineering and Management.

Dr Knezevic holds Bachelor, Master and Doctoral degree from Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, University of Belgrade, Yugoslavia. He shares life with Lynn, is passionate about motorsport, is challenged by the restoration of rusty, but beautiful Lancia rally cars, and enjoys living in a XVI century built thatched cottage in tranquil village of Bickleigh, Devon, England.

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