



VITO VRBIĆ, M.D., Ph. D., redoviti profesor i voditelj Zavoda za kariologiju i endodonciju, a od 1990. voditelj Odjela za stomatologiju medicinskog fakulteta Sveučilišta u Ljubljani, diplomirao je na Medicinskom fakultetu Sveučilišta u Ljubljani godine 1961.

Nakon završena studija radi kao asistent u istoj ustanovi, a od 1966. do 1967. pohađa dvogodišnji poslijediplomski studij na Forsyth Dental Center i Harvard School of Dental Medicine u Bostonu, SAD. Po povratku radi na Odjelu za stomatologiju medicinskog fakulteta u Ljubljani najprije kao docent od 1970., a zatim 1976. kao izvanredni profesor i od 1981. kao redoviti profesor.

Od godine 1971. do 1973. obnašao je dužnost prodekana Medicinskog fakulteta u Ljubljani, a od 1979. do 1983. dužnost pomoćnika direktora Odjela za stomatologiju Sveučilišnog medicinskog centra u Ljubljani. Od 1981. voditelj je Istraživačkoga odbora u Zavodu za stomatologiju. Od 1990. profesor Vito Vrbić nacionalni je koordinator za istraživanja u stomatologiji u Republici Sloveniji, a od 1993. je nacionalni koordinator za oralno zdravlje pri uredu Svjetske zdravstvene organizacije u slovenskom Ministarstvu zdravstva. Suradnik je u istraživačkim projektima s Fersyth Dental Center u Bostonu, SAD, i Josef Stefan Institutu Sveučilišta u Ljubljani.

Član je Europske organizacije za istraživanje karijesa, Međunarodne udruge za istraživanja u stomatologiji i Svjetske stomatološke organizacije (FDI).

Profesor Vito Vrbić objavio je kao autor ili u suautorstvu više od 100 radova iz područja istraživanja fluorida, elemenata u tragovima, preventive karijesa i oralne epidemiologije. Bio je glavni istraživač prve cjelovite epidemiološke studije koja je obradila podatke praćenja patologije na području bivše Jugoslavije.

Godine 1990. organizator je godišnjega sastanka ORCA u Ljubljani i ORCA simpozija pod naslovom "Caries status in Europe and predictions of future trends". Sudjelovao je također u organizaciji nekoliko nacionalnih, regionalnih i međunarodnih kongresa iz oralne epidemiologije. Godine 1990. bio je predsjednikom ORCA (European Organization for Caries Research), a sljedeće godine član odbora te ugledne udruge.

Professor VITO VRBIĆ

After graduating in dentistry at the Medical Faculty, University of Ljubljana in 1961, Dr. Vrbić obtained the positions of Teaching Assistant in operative dentistry at the same institution. From 1966 to 1967 he pursued a two-year programme of postdoctoral study at the Forsyth Dental Center and Harvard school of Dental Medicine, Boston, USA.

On returning to Ljubljana, he resumed his work at the Dental Department of the Medical Faculty, where he was elected Assistant Professor in 1970, Associate Professor in 1976, and Professor in 1981.

From 1971 to 1973 he was Associate Dean of the Medical Faculty in Ljubljana. From 1979 to 1983 he served as Associate Director of the Department of Stomatology, University Medical Center Ljubljana. He has been Chairman of the Research Committee at the Department of Stomatology since 1981.

Since 1989 he has been Head of the Chair of Cariology and Endodontics, and from 1990 he has been Head of Dental Department of the Medical Faculty in Ljubljana.

Since 1990 he has been National Coordinator for Dental Research in the Republic of Slovenia, and since 1993 he has been National Coordinator for Oral Health at the WHO OFFICE with the Ministry of Health.

Since 1982 he has been Research Affiliate, Forsyth Dental Research, International Association for Dental Research and Federation Dentaire International.

Dr. Vrbić has published as author or co-author more than 100 publications in the field of fluoride research, trace element research, caries prevention and oral epidemiology.

Dr. Vrbić was involved as Principal Investigator in the National Oral Health Pathfinder Survey conducted in Yugoslavia in 1986, which was the first controlled covering epidemiological study the whole of including its six republics and two provinces.

In 1990 he organized in Ljubljana the ORCA annual meeting and the ORCA Satellite Symposium "Caries status in Europe and predictions of future trends".

He has organized several national, regional and international congresses in the field of oral epidemiology.

Od 1974. do 1989. bio je predsjednikom Izdavačkog savjeta Slovenskoga stomatološkog časopisa. Izbor prof. Vite Vrbiča u Međunarodni uređivački kolegij časopisa *Acta Stomatologica Croatica* jest želja Vijeća nakladnika za tjesnijom suradnjom sa Slovenskom stomatologijom, koje je Profesor Vito Vrbič reprezentativan predstavnik.

During 1990 he was Co-President of the ORCA (European Organization for Caries Research). During the years 1990. and 1991 he was member of the ORCA Board.

*From 1974 to 1989 he was President of the Editorial Council of the Slovenian Dental Journal. Since 1990 he has been a member of the Editorial Board of the journal, *Acta Stomatologica Croatica*.*

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