



IN MEMORIAM

**Vladimir Mikolji
1920. - 2000.**

Dne 7. studenoga godine 2000. umro je primarijus Vladimir Mikolji, naš primus, učitelj, kolega i prijatelj, čovjek koji je najveći dio svojega života posvetio Klinici za kirurgiju lica, čeljusti i usta u Zagrebu. Rastali smo se od njega još na Klinici na Šlati, s koje je

otisao u mirovinu, ali nas do zadnjih dana života nije napuštao. Dolazio bi često, zanimalo ga je kako napreduje Klinika, kako smo se snašli u novim prostorima Kliničke bolnice u Dubravi i veselio se svakom našem napretku. Tjedan dana prije smrti došao je u posjet samo zato da nas vidi i radi pozdrava.

Primarijus Vladimir Mikolji rođen je godine 1920. u Zagrebu, gdje je završio školovanje i Medicinski fakultet. Medicinski studij prekinula mu je i produžila mobilizacija za vrijeme Drugoga svjetskog rata, stažirao je u Varaždinu, a prva radna iskustva stekao je radeći kao voditelj ekipe u mnogim hrvatskim mjestima na cijepljenju protiv tuberkuloze. Nekoliko godina bio je liječnik, a poslije i upravitelj poliklinike u Puli. Godine 1956. položio je specijalistički ispit iz stomatologije, zatim je godine 1958. izabran za asistenta Klinike za maksilofacialnu kirurgiju i stomatologiju, a nakon višegodišnjega rada godine 1971. položio je specijalistički ispit iz maksilofacialne kirurgije. Primarijusom je postao 1976.

Mnogi naraštaji medicine i stomatologije sjećaju ga se po predanom radu s bolesnicima i sa studentima, po stručnosti, kirurškoj vještini i po duhovitosti. Bio je liječnik i gospodin staroga srednjoeuropskoga kova.

Veza sa stomatologijom bila je trajna u njegovu životu, od obiteljske stomatološke ordinacije, specijalizacije stomatologije nakon studija medicine, primjene stomatološkog znanja u maksilofacialnoj kirurgiji, do nastave koju je vodio brojnim naraštajima stomatologa. Treba reći da su naraštaji i naraštaji specijalizanata oralne kirurgije od njega naučili mnoge tajne kirurške tehnike - ali i svakodnevna života.

Ponosni što smo imali priliku od njega učiti i s njime dijeliti brojne ugodne i teške trenutke, suošćemo sa svima koji su ga voljeli i iskazujemo mu našu zahvalnost i poštovanje.

Neka mu je laka zemlja ovoga grada kojem je svim srcem pripadao.

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Our *primus*, teacher, colleague and friend, Primarius Vladimir Mikolji, died on the 7th November, 2000; a man who devoted most of his life to the Clinic of Maxillofacial Surgery in Zagreb. Although he left the the Clinic when he retired he never really deserted us right up until the last days of his life. Every so often he would call in to see us, interested in the work of the Clinic and how we had settled into the new quarters at the Clinical Hospital in Dubrava, and always pleased to hear of all our improvements. He visited us a week before his death.

Primarius Vladimir Mikolji was born in 1920 in Zagreb where he finished his schooling and study at the School of Medicine. Medical study was interrupted by mobilization during World War II, after which he completed medical practice in Varaždin. His first working experience was gained in numerous Croatian towns, as Head of a team vaccinating inhabitants against tuberculosis. For a few years he worked as a physician and later as Director of the Polyclinic in Pula. In 1956 he passed the specialist examination in Dental Medicine and in 1958 was elected Assistant at the Clinic for Maxillofacial Surgery and Dental Medicine. In 1971, after several years of work, he passed the specialist examination in Maxillofacial Surgery. He was elected Primarius in 1976.

Many generations of students of medicine and dental medicine will remember him for his devotion to work with patients and students, for his expertise, surgical skill and also for his wit. He was a physician and gentleman of the old middle European school.

His connection with dental medicine was permanently present in his life from the family dental surgery, specialisation in dental medicine after medical study, application of the knowledge of dental medicine in maxillofacial surgery to the teaching of numerous generations of dentists. Many generations of specialists in oral surgery learnt many secrets of surgical technique from him, and also of everyday life.

We are proud to have had the chance to learn from him and share with him so many pleasant, and also difficult, moments. He has our eternal thanks and respect.

Our sympathy goes to all those who loved him. May he rest in peace, in this town where he belonged and which he loved so much.

Goran Knežević