ON NOTABLE BOOKS IN OUR HISTORY

In the series entitled University Textbooks, Medicinska naklada published the book *Bolesti štitnjače – klinička tireoidologija* (Thyroid Diseases – Clinical Thyroidology) by Miljenko Solter in 2007. At the time, Professor Solter was head of the Department of Endocrinology, Sestre milosrdnice University Hospital Center. In his Foreword, Professor Solter says that the book has resulted from his 30-year work with patients suffering from thyroid diseases, with a note that it also contains the great knowledge conferred to him by his teachers, academician Mladen Sekso and Professor Krešimir Banovac, as well as the knowledge and professional discussions with his fellow physicians and engineers not only from Department of Endocrinology but also from Clinical Department of Nuclear Medicine and Endocrinology Laboratory. Professor Solter belongs to the group of authors that prefer small but professionally focused books because a single author or a small group of authors will produce homogenized texts with higher competences. In addition, it is of utmost importance that such books contain guidelines that correspond to our healthcare setting. That is why this book has only 212 pages, however, divided into 9 chapters, along with a glossary, excellent graphical design and well organized references. Each chapter is followed by extensive reference list divided according to the respective chapter topic, thus facilitating the reader to choose most relevant papers, be he/she a specialist, resident or medical student. The book is written in a simple and clear style, with emphasis on diagnostic and therapeutic procedures. A useful list of abbreviations used in the book is found at the very beginning and glossary at the end of the book. Professor Solter has also added names of his coworkers having helped him in writing the book: Branko Bećejač, Marijan Petek, Mislav Vrsalović and Darko Katalinić (who has arranged the list of abbreviations and glossary). As thyroid diseases are frequent disorders both in Croatia and worldwide, with ongoing research in diagnosis and therapy, such a valuable textbook certainly deserves new edition after ten years, considering the good practice of running through multiple printings in medical literature. We do hope and wish it be the case with this book, although Professor Solter has put it as follows in his Foreword: “Yet, quite a long time had to elapse for the need and even more for the opportunity to write such a book to be recognized”1.

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