

## In memoriam

**Prof. dr. sc. MILUTIN DOBRENIĆ**  
1917. - 2003.

Prošlo je već pet godina otkako nas je 25. lipnja napustio naš prof. dr. sc. Milutin Dobrenić, redoviti profesor i dugogodišnji predstojnik Zavoda za bolesti usta Stomatološkog fakulteta u Zagrebu, doajen oralne patologije i oralne medicine. Prof. dr. sc. Milutin Dobrenić zadužio nas je svojim djelom, često ga se sjećamo, spominjemo i pamtimo.

Rođen je 15. svibnja godine 1917. u Bučici, u općini Gлина. Osnovnu i srednju školu završio je u Zagrebu. Diplomirao je na Filozofskom fakultetu u Zagrebu u pedagoško –psihologiskoj skupini znanosti 1941. te je 1943. stekao naziv doktora filozofije. Na Medicinskom fakultetu - Odontološkom odsjeku u Zagrebu diplomirao je godine 1961., a 1962. promoviran je u doktora medicinskih znanosti.

Kao doktor filozofskih i medicinskih znanosti radio je u stomatološkoj struci od godine 1948. - od školske poliklinike u Zagrebu te kao vanjski asistent na Odontološkom odsjeku Medicinskog fakulteta u Zagrebu 1951. kada počinje svoju akademsku karijeru. Počeo je zatim raditi na Stomatološkom fakultetu, u Zavodu za dentalnu patologiju, gdje je postao docent, a nakon toga je zbog potreba Fakulteta bio premješten na oralnu patologiju, gdje je od 1962. do 1983. kao redoviti profesor obavljao dužnost predstojnika Zavoda za oralnu patologiju Stomatološkog fakulteta. Bio je dugogodišnji pročelnik Kliničkog zavoda za bolesti usta Klinike za stomatologiju KBC-a Zagreb. Dao je temelje oralne medicine u području struke, nastave i znanosti kojima se i danas koristimo.

Za profesora Dobrenića možemo reći da je imao važnu ulogu u formirajući stomatologiju, posebice oralne patologije u posljednjim desetljećima prošlog stoljeća.

Njegov znanstveni interes iz područja filozofije nastavio se i u stomatologiji. Pedagoško-psihološka problematika bila je preokupacija profesora Dobrenića i ostao joj je vjeran cijelog života, aplicirajući je u dodiplomsku i poslijediplomsku nastavu oralne patologije. Koristio se eksperimentalnim metodama i testiranjima, egzaktno dokazujući znanstvenu istinu. Modernizirao je nastavu, tako što je u rad aktivno uključio i studente.

Objavio je pet knjiga koje predstavljaju osnovu oralne patologije u Hrvatskoj, više leksikografskih jedinica te mnogobrojne prikaze, recenzije, referate i predavanja.

Vodio je nastavu iz oralne patologije na poziv Stomatološkog fakulteta u Sarajevu i Medicinskog fakulteta - Studija stomatologije u Rijeci.

U nastavnom radu dužem od 30 godina odgojio je profesor Dobrenić niz generacija liječnika stomatologa, više od 50 specijalista i više od 20 magistara te doktora znanosti.

Nakon umirovljenja godine 1983. nastavio je s nastavnim radom u poslijediplomskoj nastavi te je osnovao - uz postojeći kolegij iz Oralne patologije - novi opći kolegij, a nastavio je i s mentorstvom. Ostao je aktivan predavač u Hrvatskome društvu za oralnu medicinu i patologiju HLZ-a, čiji je bio prvi počasni član. Nagrađen je u HLZ-u najvećom nagradom začasnog člana godine 2001.

Profesor dr. Dobrenić od završetka srednje škole kontinuirano je profesionalno radio u nastavi, istodobno učeći od najboljih europskih stručnjaka oralne medicine, studirao je istraživački publicirao. Još kao student počeo se baviti znanstvenim radom. Sve do posljednjega dana ostao je aktivan u znanstvenom području oralne medicine.



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It has been 5 years since our Professor Milutin Dobrenić, over many years full Professor and head of the Department of Oral Medicine, has left us on June 25th. He was the founder of Oral Medicine in Zagreb. Professor Dobrenić has indebted us with his work, we often think of him, talk about him and remember him.

He was born on May 15 1917 in Bučica, Gлина. He finished elementary and high school in Zagreb. He graduated Faculty of Philosophy in Zagreb, in pedagogy - psychology sciences group, in 1941, and has been awarded of Doctorate in Philosophy in 1943. He graduated at Zagreb School of Medicine - Department of Odontology in 1961. In 1962 he was awarded Doctorate of Medical Sciences.

Doctor of Philosophy and of Medical Sciences worked in dental profession since 1948. He started career at Zagreb school polyclinic and became the extramural assistant at the Department of Odontology - Zagreb School of medicine in 1951, where he commenced his academic career. He started working at School of Dental Medicine, at the Department of Dental Pathology, where he became „Docent“, but was transferred to the Department for Oral Pathology, where he held the head position from 1962 till 1983. He was Head of Clinical Department for Oral Diseases - Dental Clinic - University Clinical Centre Zagreb. He built the foundations of the profession, education and science of oral medicine.

We can say that Prof. Dobrenić played an important role in Croatian dental profession development, especially of oral medicine. He transferred his scientific interest in the field of philosophy to dentistry. Problems in pedagogy and psychology have been of special interest to Prof. Dobrenić, to which he remained devoted throughout his life, applying it in pre- and post-graduate education in oral medicine. He utilised experimental methods and tests, precisely documenting scientific truth. He modernized the education by actively including students in the process.

He published 5 textbooks that represented oral medicine foundation in Croatia, several lexicographic units, numerous reviews, views, lectures.

He organized and held oral medicine education on Dental Faculty in Sarajevo and on Dental Studies - Rijeka School of Medicine.

During more than 30 years of academic work he educated many generations of dentists, over 50 specialists and more than 20 holders of MSc and PhD.

After his retirement in 1983, he continued educating post-graduate students, introducing new courses, and continued mentoring postgraduate students.

He was still active lecturer within Croatian Society for Oral Medicine and Pathology - CMA, becoming Society's first honorary member. He was awarded the Honorary membership, the highest CMA award, in 2001.

Professor Dobrenić continuously worked in education, ever since he graduated from high school. He simultaneously learned from the best European oral medicine specialists, researched and published scientific papers. He actively participated in scientific work since his student years, and continued to research until his last days.

Zahvaljujući našem profesoru, njegovim sudjelovanjima na kongresima u inozemstvu te tiskanim publikacijama u stranim časopisima, oralna patologija i oralna medicina u Hrvatskoj postale su prepoznatljive već sedamdesetih godina prošlog stoljeća.

Nakon dolaska na Stomatološki fakultet organizirao je tečaj znanstvene metodičke za fakultetske nastavnike i suradnike na temelju studija filozofije. Istraživanje u području oralne patologije i oralne medicine njegovo je najvažnije, najšire i vremenski najdulje razdoblje u znanstveno-istraživačkom radu – trajalo je 20 godina, a nastavilo se i nakon umirovljenja.

Objavio je 125 radova, od kojih više od 100 znanstvenih. Kao istaknuti znanstvenik izabran je bio 1967. za člana Znanstvenog odbora Međunarodnoga društva za prehranu, vitalne tvari i bolesti civilizacije u Hannoveru, a bio je jedan od utemeljitelja Međunarodne akademije za zaštitu prirode, okoliša i biopolitiku sa sjedištem u Luxemburgu.

Prihvaćao je mnoge društvene obvezne u području stomatologije. Bio je i predsjednik te tajnik Stomatološke sekcije Hrvatskoga liječničkog zbora, pa je organizirao vrlo uspješne simpozije, kongrese i seminare. Organizirao je također Specijalističku sekciju oralnih i dentalnih patologa HLZ-a, u kojoj je obnašao dužnost predsjednika.

Za svoj znanstveni opus dobio je 20 različitih odličja u našoj zemlji i inozemstvu.

Profesor dr. Milutin Dobrenić ubraja se u ona velika imena koja čine okosnicu visokoga obrazovanja i zdravstva u Hrvatskoj, pa tako na osobit način obilježava stomatološku struku u dužem razdoblju. Bio je dobar učitelj - nesobično nam je prenosio svoje znanje, bio nam je savjetnik u životu i dragi priatelj. Generacijama njegovih studenata ostao je u sjećanju kao vrstan predavač, dobar pedagog velikih didaktičkih sposobnosti i elokvencije, te liječnik sa smislom za atraktivne prezentacije slučajeva. Njegov etički pristup, potreban u liječničkoj praksi, pamte mnogi naraštaji liječnika stomatologa, njegovih studenata.

Bio je svestran čovjek, volio je umjetnost te je za uspomenu ostavio lijepa pejzaže u ulju, a posebice slike mora. Kao brižan otac i suprug, dočekao je unuke i praučnuka.

Mi, sví članovi Zavoda, družili smo se, zahvaljujući njemu, i privatno. Tako smo svake godine 15. svibnja tradicionalno u domu Dobronićevih slavili njegov rođendan.

Imali smo sreću da nas je učio i odgajao takav čovjek. Zahvalni na primjeru koji nam je ostavio prof. dr.sc. Milutin Dobrenić, svjesni smo njegova utjecaja na naše znanje i životna stajališta.

Ostaju nam njegova djela koja žive s nama, kao i stalno sjećanje na velikoga čovjeka.

**Ana Cekić-Arambašin**  
Zagreb 30. svibnja 2008.

Thanks to our Professor, his participation on congresses abroad, his publications in international journals, Croatian oral pathology and medicine became acknowledged in the seventies.

He founded Scientific Methods Course for School of Dental Medicine Faculty staff, as he was scientifically well trained from his studies of philosophy. The research in oral medicine and pathology represents his most significant, widest and longest lasting scientific activity. It lasted for 20 years until his retirement, and beyond it.

He published 125 papers, including more than 100 scientific papers. He was elected a member of Scientific Committee of the International Society of Nutrition, Vital matters and Civilisation Diseases in 1967 in Hannover, was a founding member of the International Academy for Preservation of Nature, Environment and Bio politics in Luxembourg.

He took many socially important duties in the field of Dentistry. He was a president and a secretary of Stomatological section of Croatian Medical Association, as well as organizer of many successful congresses, symposia and seminars. He founded Specialty section of oral and dental pathologists of CMA, and held the presidential position.

For his scientific work he was received 20 different awards in Croatia and abroad.

Professor Milutin Dobrenić stands together with those great names that formed base of Croatian higher education in healthcare. He was good teacher, he selflessly disseminated his knowledge, he was a great life counsellor and our very good friend.

Generations of his students will remember Prof. Dobrenić as superb lecturer, good pedagogue of great didactical abilities, and of great eloquence, a doctor with a sense for reporting clinical cases in an attractive manner. His ethical approach, necessary in clinical practice, is remembered by many generations of dental professionals, his students.

He was a universal man, he loved art and left behind him many lovely oils on canvas depicting landscapes, nature and sea above all. As caring father and husband he lived to see his grandchildren and great-grandson.

He used to gather all members of the Department on private occasions. We traditionally used to celebrate his birthday in his home on every May 15.

We were lucky to have been taught and brought up by such a person. Thankful on the example he showed us, we are aware of his influence on our knowledge and on our living philosophy.

His deeds remain with us, as well as this great man keeps living in our memories.

Zagreb, May 30 2008