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HISTORICAL REVIEW

This year's Historical Review section will be closed in the same spirit it was opened, i.e. with another important jubilee of our Hospital, i.e. 50th anniversary of our Department of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolic Diseases.

The Department was founded in 1959, when Professor Dinko Sučić, the then head of University Department of Medicine, entrusted Mladen Sekso, MD, with establishment of a separate Department of Endocrinology. Dr Sekso first gathered a team consisting of young, gifted and enthusiastic physicians; then he organized the department, polyclinic and diabe-

tological service; as early as 1970 he gathered a team of young laboratory engineers and established the laboratory of endocrinology. Thus, modern endocrinology started developing at our Hospital, followed by organization of many special units for thyroid and pituitary diseases, neuroendocrinology, adrenal gland diseases, reproductive endocrinology, audiology, endocrine hypertension, obesity, and osteopathy, thus covering the entire complex and important field of endocrinology. In 1977, Professor Sekso in collaboration with the Zagreb University School of Medicine organized postgraduate study in endocrinology (as the first



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one in former Yugoslavia), and then continuing education in endocrinology for physicians of all specialties. Physicians from the Department were engaged in postgraduate education and continuing education. Many physicians have acquired their MS and PhD degrees at the Department, took active part in numerous congresses and symposia, in research projects, and published their papers in well-known scientific and professional journals in Croatia and abroad. Physicians from the Department have traditionally gained professional training at famous endocrinology centers and universities abroad, some of them having become renowned experts in the field. Also, many respectful international experts visited our Department of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolic Diseases, to mention only Professor J.M. McKenzie, Professor H. Framm, and others. This tradition has been fostered at the Department to the present, to the current state-of-the-art in modern endocrinology, through fruitful collaboration with neurosurgeons, ENT specialists and neuroradiologists. All these long-standing efforts

have resulted in establishing the Reference Center for Neuroendocrinology and Pituitary Diseases of the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare of the Republic of Croatia at the Department.

Now, we do hope and believe that Department of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolic Diseases with the young generation of physicians, laboratory engineers, nurses and other medical professionals will continue this successful development of endocrinology at our Hospital.

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