

ON NOTABLE BOOKS IN OUR HISTORY

The most extensive book on our Hospital, entitled *Klinička bolnica "Sestre milosrdnice" od 1846. do 2001. godine* (Sestre milosrdnice University Hospital 1846-2001), appeared on the Hospital 150th anniversary ten years ago. The book was printed bilingually, in Croatian and English. Upon decision made by the Editorial Board led by Academician Zvonko Kusić, the challenging task of translation and language editing was done by Antonija Redovniković, BA, a long-standing translator and language editor in our journal *Acta Clinica Croatica*, while graphic and visual design was entrusted to academic painter Fadil Vejzović, making the book a recognizable, original and interesting pictorial work.

The book has the introductory section, historical survey of the Hospital development, chapters on healthcare and educational activities, and on the Hospital journal *Acta Clinica Croatica*, followed by presentation of the Hospital university departments and departments, the list of Hospital employees, and presentation of the ceremony held on the occasion of the 150th anniversary attended, among others, by Stipe Mesić, president of the Republic of Croatia.

In historical reviews on the Hospital, the chapter entitled *Sketches from the Hospital History* should be noted as a novelty in historical reviews for bringing Hospital daily routine through the history in the form of "funny and sad events"¹. At the end, there is a poem written by Head Doctor Branko Živković, MD, a gynecologist, entitled "U šok sobi" (In the ICU)² as a specific poetic patient expression, because the Hospital does consist of clinical departments, physicians and nurses, but is primarily intended for sick people.

Searching through the numerous books on hospital histories, I found no similar text describing hospital life from the sick man perspective; therefore, I emphasize this view as a special value of this book, which will remain as a permanent and important document speaking of our Hospital.

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