

Symposium on the 80th Anniversary of the University Department of Dermatology and Venereology, Zagreb University Hospital Center and School of Medicine, Zagreb, December 9, 2008

The jubilee Symposium on the 80th Anniversary of the University Department of Dermatology and Venereology, Zagreb University Hospital Center and School of Medicine was held on December 9, 2008, honored by the presence of invited persons, representatives of the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare of the Republic of Croatia, Academy of Medical Sciences of Croatia, Zagreb University School of Medicine and Zagreb University Hospital Center as sponsors of the meeting, friends, workers and retired workers of the Department. The Symposium took place

in the Department premises on Šalata, where it has been successfully performing its rich professional, educational and scientific activities as the leading dermatology and venereology institution in Croatia.



AUS ALLEN ZEITEN

Der Herbst
liebkost
zwei nackte Bäume heraus,
erzählt sich zurück
in sein Spiel.

Nur du, Zeitwanderin,
bläst deine Kerzen – schon aus.



MUNDVERKEHRT

Laß uns verlassen
dieses Haus.
Eine Wolke
zieht durch das Wort,
das du beschweigst.

Seine Farbe ist rot.

Laß uns verlassen
dieses Haus,
laß uns zur Schwelle werden.
Die Tritte
von morgen
sind kalt.

Laß uns verlassen
dieses Haus.
Seine Leere
ist alles,
was es hatte.
Alles, was es hatte,
gab es uns.



Illustrations of M. Rupec's poems by famous Croatian naïve painter Ivan Lacković Croatia



Dragimir Budimčić: Selfportret



Dragimir Budimčić: Lotrščak

In the times of great scientific advancements and achievements that have been emerging very quickly indeed, our Department found a successful way to keep pace with the European and international trends. These 80 years were not always equally favorable in terms of personnel, technical or teaching processes. Yet, our Department managed to remain the largest and the leading one in Croatia, as illustrated by performance of particular segments that have reached the level of excellence centers. We organized this Symposium on the 80th



Dragimir Budimčić: Fragment out of Rembrandt's Night-watch

anniversary of our Department with occasional exhibition and monograph as a permanent pledge of dermatology and venereology to the Croatian and Zagreb medicine and as a stronghold for the new generations of our dermatologists-venereologists. Special reference was given to subspecialist activities such as pediatric dermatology, dermatologic oncology and laboratory diagnosis at the Department. The event was enriched with exhibition of the books and publications by members of the Department personnel, Professor Rupec's illustrated poetry and works of art by colleague from our Department Dragimir Budimčić.

Professor Jasna Lipozenčić, MD, PhD

Bolivarian Association of Dermatology, Cartagena, Colombia, November 10-11, 2008

This joyful meeting of the Bolivarian Association of Dermatology, ebulliently celebrating its 15th anniversary, was coordinated adroitly by distinguished dermatologist Gonzalo Marrugo Guardo, Association President Blanca Peña Zapata, Association Vice President and founding President Alfonso Navarro Cesar, and Secretary Erick Alvarez Pereira (Fig 1). It was held in romantic Cartagena, an enchanting walled city founded in 1533 on the Caribbean coast in this nation named after Christopher Columbus. Liberated from colonial rule by Simón Bolívar in 1819, Colombia today is the size of Spain, France and Portugal combined and contains extraordinary geographic diversity with more plant and animal species per square kilometer than any other country in the entire world.



Figure 1. Gonzalo Marrugo Guardo, Bolivarian Association of Dermatology President Blanca Peña Zapata, Robert A. Schwartz, Vice President and founding President Alfonso Navarro Cesar, and Secretary Erick Álvarez Pereira, left to right

The academic program consisted mainly of a featured address entitled "Dermatitis Atópica:



Figure 2. Society Diploma, honorary membership

un Desafío Clínico" (Atopic Dermatitis: a Clinical Challenge) by Robert A. Schwartz (USA), who was elected to honorary membership (Fig 2). Professor Schwartz noted that Gonzalo Marrugo and so many other superb Colombian dermatologists had trained with the legendary Professor Fernando Latapí (1902-1989), a shared mentor since Dr. Schwartz had spent a month rotating with him in 1976 at the Centro Dermatológico Pascua in Mexico City. At the University of Cartagena Hospital dedicated chief of dermatology Francisco Camacho Chaljub and talented dermatology faculty member Maria José Guerrero examined patients with Dr. Schwartz, including some with verrucous leishmaniasis, tuberous sclerosis complex, and leprosy (Fig 3). Additionally, Dr. Marrugo was joined by Dr. Schwartz in examining patients at the former's Bocagrande private office adjacent to Bocagrande Hospital, including a challenging one with a dystrophic form of epidermolysis bullosa. We saluted the traditions established by Gonzalo Marrugo's illustrious dermatologist father, Rubén



Figure 3. Old town Cartagena, Robert A. Schwartz, Jacqueline Lara and Gonzalo Marrugo (left to right)

Marrugo (1911-1989), Titular Professor at the University of Cartagena Faculty of Medicine, who was renowned for his work on leprosy, and look to a bright tomorrow with Gonzalo Marrugo's children Gonzalo and Jacqueline Marrugo Lara, future third generation dermatologists, both currently medical students at the Pontifical Xaverian University Faculty of Medicine in Bogotá.

The wonderful Colombian hospitality of Gonzalo Marrugo and his elegant and eminent periodontist wife Jacqueline Lara will be remembered with affection (Fig 4). An enjoyable noteworthy



Figure 4. Francisco Camacho, Robert A. Schwartz and Maria José Guerrero examining patients at the University of Cartagena Hospital (left to right)

Sunday outing with them was to a medicinal mud volcano, Volcán de Lodo El Totumo, on the way to Barranquilla to see Antonio Jaller Raad (President, Dermocaribe Congress 2009), his graceful wife Maria Luisa Granados, lawyer daughter Maria Luisa and budding dermatologist son José Antonio. We thought of the inspiring leader of Colombian dermatology, Rafael Falabella, Professor & Founding Head, Dermatology, University del Valle, Cali, who has earned our admiration, gratitude, and respect.

Professor Robert A. Schwartz, MD