
Golden Jubilee School of Dental Medicine University of Zagreb

The School of Dental Medicine has celebrated fifty years of the study of dental medicine in the Republic of Croatia (1948 - 1998) - its Golden Jubilee.

The first fifty years of higher education in dental medicine in our country ended on 1st October 1998 with the beginning of the academic year 1998/99.

The Golden Jubilee was marked by a formal meeting of the School Council on February 9, 1999, the Day of the School and St. Apollonia's day, Patron Saint of Dental Medicine and the School of Dental Medicine University of Zagreb. Apart from Council members there were many eminent guests present at the meeting: Prof. Željko Reiner, Minister of Health, Prof. Ivica Mandić, Assistant Minister of Science and Technology, Prof. Dragan Milanović, Vice-Chancellor for Teaching at the University of Zagreb; Prof. Zvonko Kusić, Dean of the School of Medicine University of Zagreb and Head of the Clinical Hospital "Sestre Milosrdnice", Prof. Zdravko Brzović, Head of the Clinical Hospital Centre in Zagreb; Prof. Ilija Škrinjarić, Head of the Clinic of Dental Medicine, Clinical Hospital Centre; Dean and Vice-Deans of other faculties of the University, and previous Deans of the School of Dental Medicine.

The formal meeting was covered by Croatian Television, Radio and the press, for which we thank them.

On the occasion of the Golden Jubilee the distinguished gathering was addressed by eminent guests, after a welcoming address had been made by Prof. Vjekoslav Jerolimov, Dean of the School of Dental Medicine, during which he stressed the importance and diversity of the science of dental medicine, dental education and dental health care, quoting important moments during the 50 years of development of the study of dental medicine in the Republic of Croatia.

Prof. Željko Reiner, Minister of Health, addressed the meeting and emphasised the importance of

the work of dental medicine. He pointed out some unsolved questions and expressed a wish for success in the future work of the School.

Prof. Ivica Mandić, Assistant Minister, addressed the meeting and stressed the friendly co-operation between the Ministry of Science and Technology and the School of Medicine. He stated that that he was aware that all questions of a material nature had not been solved and finished with the sentence "Idem velle atque idem nolle, ea demum firma amicitia est" (To want the same and not to want the same, only this is a firm friendship).

Prof. Dragan Milanović, Vice-Chancellor for teaching at the University, also indicated the 330 longevity of the University of Zagreb, and emphasised that the Golden Jubilee of higher education in dental medicine represents even more evidence of scientific culture and other development in the Croat, and stressed the excellent co-operation of the School of Dental Medicine, as one of the members of the University, in contributing to the general advancement of science and education.

In his address, Prof. Zvonko Kusić, Dean and Director, indicated the circumstances under which the School of Dental Medicine originated from the School of Medicine, where the study of dental medicine started long ago in 1948. He also emphasised the good co-operation which has always existed between the two Schools. As Head of the Clinical Hospital "Sestre Milosrdnice", he made particular reference to the fact that this hospital has been a teaching base for the School of Dental Medicine for almost 30 years and that co-operation is excellent and this mutual relationship has increased the importance of the clinical Hospital and that the School has received support for the majority of professional medical subjects.

On behalf of the Geotechnical Faculty, Varaždin, and the Study of Organisation and Informatics, Varaždin, Prof. Boris Aurer, addressed those present, acknowledged the good co-operation and associati-

on with the School of Dental Medicine and presented a valuable painting by the late academic painter, Miljenko Stančić, as a gift to the School, for which in the name of the School we thank them.

The Golden Jubilee was marked in the introductory address by the Dean, Prof. Vjekoslav Jerolimov, based on the planned programme, during which particular reference was paid to the importance of dental medicine in Croatia.

During the meeting a film was shown entitled "Teaching Screen" which was one of the films selected for showing at the XIV International Festival of Dental Films and Videos in Paris (26-29 November 1997). The author of the film is Dr. M. Šoljan and the Producer D. Martinis. The film shows the development of visual media in educational, scientific and clinical dental medicine and their didactic, presentational and communicational significance. As the School of Dental Medicine University of Zagreb has a long tradition of video filming from the early seventies, and a black and white video record exists of surgical procedures, the film had its specific value and aroused interest even among dentists at the Festival who work in circumstances with much greater technical possibilities. As, at the time the School of Dental Medicine had for the first time appeared on the pages of the Internet-Global World computer network, indicating use of the most modern visual media in scientific and professional system of the School of Dental Medicine in Zagreb, and an excerpt from an interview with Prof. Suvin, a pioneer of dental medicine and the School and others, the film aroused great interest in those present because of its content and highly professional level of realisation.

Prof. Zvonimir Kaić followed with a summarised review "A History of the study of dental medicine", during which he showed that protection of the mouth and teeth can be traced way back in the past, both in Southern and Northern Croatia.

Prof. Goran Knežević gave a lecture entitled "Acta Stomatologica Croatica and its history", and Prof. Ilija Škrinjarić acquainted those present with the development of work in clinical dental medicine and dentistry teaching with the theme "Clinical dental work and the development of the teaching of dental medicine in Croatia".

In the second part of the meeting diplomas were awarded for individual contributions to the deve-

lopment of the study of dental medicine in the Republic of Croatia to former (living) Deans of the School: Prof. Krešimir Čupak (1974-1978), Prof. Vladimir Lapter (1981-1984), Prof. Vladimir Amšel (1985-1989), Prof. Goran Knežević (1989-1995), and to the present Dean, Prof. Vjekoslav Jerolimov (1995-1999). Diplomas were also awarded to the most important co-operating institutions: University of Zagreb, School of Medicine University of Zagreb, Clinical Hospital Centre Zagreb, Clinic of Dental Medicine KBC, Zagreb, Clinical Hospital "Sestre Milosrdnice" Zagreb. Acknowledgments were also awarded to the Croatian Medical Association, Croatian Dental Society and Croatian Chamber of Dental Medicine.

St. Apollonia Plaques (bronze relief, work of the academic sculptor, S. Kajfeš) were awarded to Presidents of the Collegiate body: Prof. K. Kraljević (1988-1991), Prof. P. Kobler (1987-1988), and former (living) Heads of the Dental Clinic: Prof. K. Kraljević (1978-1987), Prof. Z. Rajić (1987-1991) and Prof. I. Škrinjarić (from 1992).

Recognition for contribution to the development of the dentistry profession and science in the Republic of Croatia was awarded to the Clinical Hospital "Dubrava", Polyclinic for Dental Medicine, Zagreb, Medical School Rijeka - Department of Dental Medicine, Academy of Medical Sciences in Croatia, Croatian Society of Dental Prosthetics, Croatian Society of Children's Dental Medicine, Croatian Society of Orthodontics, Croatian Society of Dental Traumatology, Croatian Society of Parodontology, Croatian Society of Oral Medicine and Pathology, Croatian Society of Endodontics and the Croatian Society of Oral Surgery.

For the first time in the history of the Dental Clinic of the Clinical Hospital Centre recognition and the Plaque "Dr. Eduard Radošević" (work of the academic sculptor, S. Sikirica) were awarded for special contribution to the development of the dental profession and science in the Republic of Croatia. Recognition and the Plaque "Dr. Eduard Radošević" was presented by Prof. I. Škrinjarić, Head of the Dental Clinic of the Clinical Hospital Centre and received by the School of Dental Medicine University of Zagreb and the present Dean, Prof. Vjekoslav Jerolimov.

Thus, we have entered the next 50 years of work in the development of the School of Dental Medicine, during which time we will attempt to moder-

nise the study course and co-ordinate it even more with the world's best institutions of higher education. Particular attention has recently been directed to the further development of a Multimedia Centre, informatics and global network, with which we will cross the threshold of the 21st century. Special care must be taken to ensure the best spatial and material working conditions. Our WEB pages ensure detailed information on the role, activity and structure of the School of Dental Medicine University of Zagreb, which we will complete with new information as soon as possible.

A large part of this work, such as the design of the WEB pages, Intranet and Internet connection, memorial book, etc. concerning the Golden Jubilee of the School of Dental Medicine was supported by various sponsors.

A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

GOLDEN JUBILEE 1948-1998

October 1, 1998, i.e. the beginning of the 1998/99 academic year, marked the completion of the first 50 years of the study of dental medicine. The Gol-

den Jubilee was marked by a formal meeting of the School Council, held on February 9, 1999, the Day of the School, i.e. St. Apollonia's Day, the patron saint of Dental Medicine and the School of Dental Medicine. During the meeting talks were held on the study of dental medicine in Croatia, with regard to clinical, scientific and teaching developments. Acknowledgements were made to all surviving Deans of the School and the most important collaborating institutions.

Thus, we have entered the next 50 years of our work on the development of the School of Dental Medicine, during which attempts will be made to further modernise study and co-ordinate it still more with the world's best institutions of higher education. Particular attention has recently been paid to the development of a Multimedia Centre, informatics and global network, with which we will enter the 21st century.

We welcome you, in the hope that you will be using our WEB pages in the future, which will provide basic information on the role, activity and structure of the School of Dental Medicine University of Zagreb. We, on our part, will augment the pages as soon as possible with new information.

Vjekoslav Jerolimov, dean