



IN MEMORIAM

**Prof. dr. sc. Zdenko
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Deset je godina prošlo od smrti jednog od doajena hrvatske stomatologije.

Oprostio sam se tada od njega kao dekan Stomatološkog fakulteta u Zagrebu. Sve što sam tada rekao ostalo je aktualno i danas. Zato ću govorom izrečenim tada uz odar pokojnoga prof. Njemirovskog pobuditi uspomenu

na našega učitelja onih koji su ga poznavali, a pomoći da steknu jasnu predodžbu o njemu onima koji nisu bili te sreće.

U zadnjih desetak godina sa scene stomatoloških znanosti i prakse otišlo je nekoliko istaknutih nastavnika Stomatološkog fakulteta u Zagrebu.

Neminovnost sudbine otimala je iz naše sredine kolege ne obazirući se na njihovu dob, važnost na Fakultetu i društvu, ljubav i razumijevanje njihovih suradnika i najbližih članova obitelji. Dne 8. prosinca, toga zlosretnoga petka, otkla je i našega dojučerašnjeg učitelja, znanstvenika i nastavnika, zdravstvenoga radnika, uzornoga supruga i roditelja, umirovljenoga profesora dr. Zdenka Njemirovskog, znamenitog profesora Dentalne patologije i jednog od doajena hrvatske stomatologije.

Koliki je to bio šok za sve nas koji smo ga poznavali najbolje su pokazala sva ona zburnjena lica koja su odražavala naše reakcije u času saznanja istine o prestanku života.

Imajući pred očima taj vječno pokretan lik, pun životne snage, ideja, interesa i kreativnih sposobnosti, koje nisu prestale njegovim odlaskom u mirovinu, još nam je teže bilo prihvatiti činjenicu o njegovu naglom odlasku. Tako reći iz puna zdravlja, zaokupljen čitavim nizom poslova u poslijediplomskoj nastavi i u uredništvu stručnoga lista *Acta Stomatologica Croatica*, slomio se je iznenada pred zakonom prirode koji nikoga ne pošteduje.

Prof. dr. Zdenko Njemirovskij rođen je 17. veljače godine 1911. u liječničkoj obitelji. U Zagrebu je polazio klasičnu gimnaziju i 1929. upisao je Medicinski fakultet na kojemu je godine 1935. promoviran na čast doktora sveukupne medicine.

Po završetku liječničkoga staža odlazi na specijalizaciju odontostomatologije u Prag kod prof. Jasenskog, profesora Kostečke i prof. Haupla. Već tada je zapažen njegov stručni i znanstveni rad u tri publikacije iz područja dentalne kirurgije. Godine 1936. sudjelovao je na IX. kongresu Federation dentaire international u Beču.

Specijalistički ispit položio je u Zagrebu 1938. na tadašnjoj Stomatološkoj klinici.

Kao zubni liječnik pozvan je u bivšu jugoslavensku vojsku 1941. i iste je godine zarobljen, te je prošavši kroz 6

logora bio u njemačkom zarobljeništvu sve do kraja rata. Nakon rata radio je u ambulanti ministarstva socijalne politike NRH, a od 1948 kao liječnik Državnoga zavoda za socijalno osiguranje.

Za asistenta na Stomatološkoj klinici medicinskog fakulteta u Zagrebu izabran je 1950.

Dvije godine poslije postaje honorarnim nastavnikom za predmet Patologija i terapija zubi, a za nekoliko mjeseci i šefom Odjela za terapiju i patologiju zubi u Zavodu za odontologiju.

U razdoblju od 1957. sudjelovao je na mnogim kongresima u zemlji i u inozemstvu (austrijskog Stomatološkog kongresa u Insbrucku, Internacionalnom kongresu u Parizu, Sastanku stomatologa Štajerske u Grazu, Internacionalnom kongresu za higijenu rada u Helsinkiju, Semaine odontologique internationale u Parizu te posjetio niz stomatoloških klinika kao što su one u Lyonu, Ženevi, Bernu, Baselu, Zürichu, Beču, Münhenu i Hamburgu.

Godine 1957. izabran je za sveučilišnog docenta, a 1958. postavljen za predstojnika Zavoda za dentalnu patologiju. Vijeće Stomatološkog fakulteta u Zagrebu izabire ga 1960. za izvanrednog, a 1963. i za redovitog profesora iz predmeta Dentalna patologija. Na tom je mjestu ostao do mirovine. Njegova vrlo bogata publicistička aktivnost dala je preko 90 objavljenih radova i nekoliko udžbenika dentalne patologije.

Profesor Njemirovskij jedan je od organizatora nastave na Stomatološkom fakultetu u Zagrebu i njegova aktivnost vrlo je važna u izradbi nastavnih planova i programa. Kao glavni i odgovorni urednik *Acta Stomatologica Croatica* djeluje od 1966. i time unapređuje stomatološku struku te joj širi ugled i izvan granica naše zemlje. Počasni je član Societe Odonto-Stomatologique u Lyonu, Gesellschaft für Erforschung von Zivilisationkrankheiten u Hannoveru, Electron microscopical Society u Columbusu (Ohio) i American Endodontic Society u San Franciscu. Za svoj rad primio je mnogobrojna priznanja, diplome i plakete (Orden rada sa zlatnim vijencem 1965., Orden rada sa crvenom zastavom).

Trag koji je profesor Zdenko Njemirovskij ostavio u stomatološkoj znanosti, nastavi i struci toliko je važan da će ga budući naraštaji stomatologa osjećati i dalje. Mi koji smo ga poznavali pamtit ćemo njegov dinamičan lik i vedru narav, a kad se za nekoliko desetljeća pojave novi naraštaji, primjetit će njegovo ime i povezivat ga s Dentalnom patologijom i zagrebačkom stomatologijom uopće. U povijesti ove škole ime profesora dr. Zdenka Njemirovskog ostaje trajno i neizbrisivo zapisano.

S tom činjenicom rastajemo se od našeg učitelja Cesarićevim stihovima:

“Ako me kada stanu i kosit
Neće mi bola nanijeti kosa -
Jedini teret koji ću nosit
U novom životu biti će rosa.”

Neka mu je laka zemlja ovoga grada kojemu je svim svojim bićem pripadao.

Neka je vječna slava i hvala prof. dr. Zdenku Njemirovskom.

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Prof. Zdenko Njemirovskij
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Ten years have passed since the death of one of the doyens of Croatian dental medicine. At the time I paid my last respects to him as the Dean of the School of Dental Medicine in Zagreb. Everything I said then is still relevant today, and I will therefore take this opportunity of reminding those who knew him and those who did not have the good fortune to know him, of my words spoken beside the catafalque of the late Prof. Njemirovskij.

In the last ten years many eminent teachers from the School of Dental Medicine in Zagreb have disappeared from the scene of dental science and practice. Unavoidable fate has taken from our midst many colleagues, regardless of age, importance at the School and in society, love and understanding of their co-workers and closest members of their family. Thus, on the 8th December 1989, on ill-fated Friday, we lost our former educator, scientist and teacher, medical worker, exemplary husband and parent, retired Professor Zdenko Njemirovskij, distinguished Professor of Dental Pathology and one of the doyens of Croatian dental medicine.

The extent of the shock to all of us who knew him was evident in the confused faces, on hearing the news of his death.

Having in mind his perpetually dynamic personality, full of life, ideas, interests and creative ability, which continued even after his retirement, it was hard to accept the fact that he had gone. Although he appeared to be in perfect health, actively engaged in postgraduate teaching and in the Editorial Board of the journal "*Acta Stomatologica Croatica*", his resistance was overcome by the law of nature, which spares no-one.

Prof. Zdenko Njemirovski was born on 17th February 1911 in Nova Gradiška, in a physician's family. He attended the Classical High School in Zagreb and enrolled at the School of Medicine in 1929, where he graduated with honours in general medicine.

After finishing medical practice he began specialisation in odontostomatology at Prague, with Prof. Jesenski, Prof. Kostečki and Prof. Häupl. At that time his practical and scientific work was already perceptible in three publications in the field of dental surgery. In 1936 he participated in the IX Congress Federation Dentaire International in Vienna.

In 1938 he passed the specialist examination in Zagreb at the then Clinic for Dental Medicine. He joined the former Yugoslav Army as a dentist in 1941 and was captured the same year. He was held in 6 concentration camps and remained in German captivity until the end of the war. After the war he worked in the out-patient clinic of the Ministry for Social Politics, NRH and from 1948 he worked as a physician in the National Institute for Social Security.

In 1950 he was elected Assistant at the Clinic for Dental Medicine of the School of Medicine in Zagreb. Two years later he became honorary lecturer for the subject Pathology and Dental Therapy, and after a few months he became Head of the Department for Dental Therapy and Pathology in the Department of Odontology.

Up until 1957 he participated in several congresses both at home and abroad (Austrian Dental Congress in Innsbruck, International Congress in Paris, Meeting of Styrian Dentists in Graz, International Congress for Occupational Hygiene in Helsinki, Semaine Odontologique Internationale in Paris) and he visited several dental clinics, such as those in Lyon, Geneva, Bern, Basel, Zürich, Vienna, Munich and Hamburg.

In 1957 he was elected Senior Lecturer and in 1958 appointed Head of the Department of Dental Pathology. The Council of the School of Dental Medicine in Zagreb elected him to Assistant Professor in 1960 and in 1963 Professor for the subject Dental Pathology, where he stayed until his retirement. He published over 90 papers and several textbooks on dental pathology.

Prof. Njemirovski was one of the organisers of teaching at the School of Dental Medicine in Zagreb, and he participated in the development of teaching plans and programmes. From 1966 he was the Editor in Chief of the journal "*Acta Stomatologica Croatica*", promoting the profession and spreading its reputation outside the borders of our country. He was an honorary member of the Societe Odonto-Stomatologique in Lyon, Gesellschaft für Erforschung von Zivilisationskrankheiten in Hanover, Electron microscopical Society in Columbus (Ohio) and the American Endodontic Society in San Francisco. He received numerous acknowledgements, diplomas and plaques for his work (Orden for work with the gold wreath in 1965, Orden for work with the red flag).

The mark which Prof. Zdenko Njemirovskij left on dental science, teaching and the profession will continue to be proclaimed by future generations of dentists. Those of us who knew him will remember his dynamic character and cheerful nature, and new generations will connect his name with Dental Pathology and in general with dental medicine in Zagreb. The name of Prof. Zdenko Njemirovskij will remain permanently written in the history of this school.

With this fact we leave our teacher with the verses of Cesarić:

"If I am ever mown down
The scythe will cause no pain
The only burden which I will bear
In the new life will be the dew".

May he rest in peace in his beloved Zagreb.

Eternal glory and gratitude to Prof. Zdenko Njemirovskij.

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