

In Memoriam

Prof. dr. sci. **IVICA KRMPOTIĆ**
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Prije dva desetljeća, 3. svibnja 1994. godine, u 17,30 stalo je srce prof. Ivica Krmpotića, našega prijatelja, kolege i suradnika, nastavnika Stomatološkog fakulteta Sveučilišta u Zagrebu, znanstvenika i zdravstvenog djelatnika, uzornog oca i supruga. Slomljen neizlječivom bolešću otišao je naš Ivo to posljednjem dostojanstveno i tiho s nadom u očima, s vjerom u prijatelje, Boga i čovjeka. Bio je jedan od najvedrijih nastavnika koje je Stomatološki fakultet do tada imao, otišlo je jedno osebujno zagrebačko lice koje su pamtili mnogobrojni sugrađani, studenti, a posebice pacijenti koje je liječio. Danas, dvadeset godina poslije njegove smrti nema više na Fakultetu nastavnika iz njegove generacije, a dvadeset naraštaja studenata koji nisu imale sreće upoznati ga ostalo je zakinuto za vedrinu i širinu duha koju je oko sebe širio. Osvrćući se na njegov život koji je bio prekinut u pedesetoj godini i na dvadeset godina od njegova odlaska prisjećam se Ovidijeve rečenice: *Nihil est annis velocius – Ništa nije brže od godina* i činjenice da vrijeme jako brzo prolazi i generacije nastavnika nestaju u magli prošlosti. Sjećanja blijede i tek je malo onih koji danas na Fakultetu znaju za prof. Ivicu Krmpotića. Svjestan toga želim se kratko osvrnuti na njegov životni put kako bi mu duh i dalje zračio Fakultetom te podsjetiti na godine kad su kolegijalnost, prijateljstvo, suradnja i razumijevanje bili odlike generacije s kojom je prof. Ivica Krmpotić predstavljao stomatološku struku, nastavu i znanost. Prof. Ivica Krmpotić rođen je 11. listopada 1944. godine u Zagrebu gdje je 1968. završio školovanje na Stomatološkom fakultetu. Nakon pripravničkoga staža u zagrebačkom Domu zdravlja na Trnju, zaposlio se u stomatološkoj ambulanti u Oroslavju gdje je radio do 1971. Te je godine izabran za asistenta u Zavodu za oralnu kirurgiju Stomatološkoga fakulteta u Zagrebu na kojemu je postupno napredovao kroz sva znanstveno-nastavna zvanja sve do zvanja izvanrednoga profesora u koje je izabran 1993. godine. U međuvremenu je 1975. položio specijalistički ispit iz oralne kirurgije, a poslijediplomski studij i magistarski rad pod naslovom *Vrednovanje operativnih metoda plastike hipertrofije sluznice alveolarnog nastavka i okoline po Mišeu* obranio je godine 1981. Doktorsku disertaciju *Kirurško protetska rehabilitacija stečenih defekata maksilofacijalnog sustava* obranio je 1988. Tijekom specijalističke izobrazbe boravio je pet mjeseci na Stomatološkom fakultetu u Kopenhagenu kao stipendist danske vlade, pohađao je dvomjesečni stručni program za oralne kirurge u Londonu, a 1988. godinu proveo je na Odjelu za čeljusnu kirurgiju Sveučilišne klinike u Grazu. Sudjelovao je na mnogobrojnim našim stručnim i znanstvenim skupovima, a od inozemnih svakako treba spomenuti one u Japanu Kubi, Nizozemskoj, Njemačkoj i Americi. Kako mu je životni put prekinut u dobi najveće intelektualne sposobnosti kada su znanje, iskustvo i rezultati vlastitih istraživanja tek trebali otvoriti vrata novim znanstvenim istraživanjima, ostalo je oko 50 znanstvenih i stručnih radova iz područja oralne kirurgije, ali i kirurške protetike, pretprotetske kirurgije i implantologije. Njegova disertacija nastala je kao rezultat višegodišnjeg iskustva u radu s onkološkim bolesnicima kojima je nastojao pomoći riješiti funkcionalne i estetske defekte lica, čeljusti i usne šupljine nastale nakon mutilacijskih onkoloških zahvata. Rehabilitacija žvakanja onkoloških bolesnika s pomoću protetskih nadomjestaka i istraživanje u tom području prvi je takav rad u našoj zemlji. Sve što je radio pomno bi i strpljivo planirao, a u znanstveno-istraživačkim projektima koje je vodio surađivao bi s predstavnicima bliskih subspecijalističkih struka vodeći se provjerenim svjetskim kriterijima. Njegovim odlaskom je Katedra za oralnu kirurgiju Stomatološkog fakulteta u Zagrebu izgubila jednog od važnih predstavnika struke i nastavnika iz generacije kojoj je pripadao. Nastala praznina nije nikada popunjena, kao što nisu ostvarene ni neke njegove zamisli. Ono što je u vlastitu životu planirao, a nije uspio ostvariti u stomatološkoj struci, ostvarila su njegova djeca – sin Marko i kći Iva na koje je bio jako ponosan.



Twenty years ago, at 17.30 on the 3rd May 1994, the heart of Prof. Ivica Krmpotić stopped. Our friend, colleague and co-worker, teacher in the School of Dental Medicine at the University in Zagreb, scientist and medical worker, devoted father and husband. Defeated by an inoperable disease Ivo left us that afternoon, quietly and with dignity, with hope in his eyes and trust in his friends, God and man. He was one of the most cheerful teachers in the School of Dental Medicine; a unique Zagreb character, remembered by many fellow citizens, students, and particularly numerous patients whom he had treated. Today, twenty years after his death, his generation of teachers are no longer in the School, and twenty generations of students remain deprived of his cheerfulness and spirit which he emanated. Looking back on his life, twenty years after his premature death in his fiftieth year, the

words of Ovidius come to mind: *Nihil est annis velocius – Nothing is swifter than years*, and the reality that time passes so quickly and generations of teachers disappear in the mist of the past. Memories fade and today there is only a small number at the School who knew Prof. Ivica Krmpotić. Aware of this I would like to look back for a moment on the life of Prof. Ivica Krmpotić, so that his spirit continues to radiate in the School, and to recall the time when collegiality, friendship, cooperation and understanding were characteristics of the generation with which Prof. Ivica Krmpotić represented the dental profession, teaching and science.

Prof. Ivica Krmpotić was born on the 11th October 1944 in Zagreb, where he completed his education and the School of Dental Medicine in 1968. After medical practice in the Trnje Health Centre in Zagreb he became employed in the Dental Surgery in Oroslavje, where he worked until 1971, when he was elected Assistant in the Department of Oral Surgery at the School of Dental Medicine in Zagreb, where he gradually advanced through the scientific teaching profession up to Associate Professor in 1993. In the meantime in 1975 he passed the specialist examination in Oral Surgery, and postgraduate study and M.Sc. paper under the title *Evaluation of operative methods of plastic hypertrophy of the mucous membrane of the alveolar process and environment according to Miše*, which he defended in 1981. He defended his Ph.D. dissertation under the title *Surgical prosthetics in the rehabilitation of acquired defects of the maxillofacial system*, in 1988. During the period of specialization study he spent five months in the School of Dental Medicine in Copenhagen as a fellow of the Danish Government, and in 1988 two months on a study programme for Oral Surgery in London, and in 1988 he spent some time in the Department for Maxillofacial Surgery at the University Clinic in Graz. He participated in many professional and scientific meetings in this country and abroad, of which the following should be mentioned: those in Japan, Cuba, The Netherlands, Germany and America. As his life was interrupted at the age of his greatest intellectual ability, when knowledge, experience and the results of his own investigations would have opened the door to new scientific research, around 50 scientific and professional studies remained in the field of Oral Surgery, Surgical Prosthetics, Pre-prosthetic Surgery and Implantology. His dissertation was the result of many years of experience in work with oncological patients, whom he attempted to help by solving functional and aesthetic defects of the face, jaws and oral cavity, remaining after mutilating oncological operations. Rehabilitation of mastication in oncological patients by means of prosthetic restorations, and research in this field, was the first such study in Croatia. He carefully and patiently planned everything he did, and in the scientific-investigation projects, of which he was principal investigator, he included representatives of similar subspecialist professions, following verified world criteria. With his death the Department of Oral Surgery of the School of Dental Medicine in Zagreb lost an important representative of the profession and

Zajedno s prof. Pavelom Koblerom u istoj studentskoj grupi prošli smo studentske dane, zajedno smo radili na istoj katedri, radovali se napredovanjima svakoga od nas, s posebnim žarom obavljali smo sve oblike dodiplomske i poslijediplomske nastave, uživali u kirurškoj struci i bili njome oduševljeni, veselili se rođenju svoje djece i živjeli za Fakultet i naše obitelji. Naši studenti sve su to dobro zapamtili pa još i danas neki mi spominju svoje studentske dane u Zavodu za oralnu kirurgiju kamo su i nastavnici i studenti s oduševljenjem dolazili. Prof. Ivica Krmpotić bio je itekako zaslužan za takvu atmosferu. Nije dugo živio, ali trag koji je ostavio na Fakultetu i u hrvatskoj stomatologiji vrlo je jasan i prepoznatljiv, iako vrijeme postupno sve briše.

Prof. Ivica Krmpotić bio je čovjek dostojan poslanja koje je obavljao. Pokoj mu vječni!

generation of teachers to which he belonged. The void which remained has never been filled, and neither have some of his ideas been realized. What he had planned in his own life and had not succeeded in realizing in the dental profession was realized by his son Marko and daughter Iva, of whom he was very proud.

We passed our student days together with Prof. Pavel Kobler in the same study group, worked together in the same Department, were delighted with the advancement of each of us, and carried out graduate and post-graduate teaching with particular fervour. We enjoyed work in the surgical profession, which we undertook with enthusiasm. We were delighted with the birth of our children and lived for the School and our families. Our students remember this well and today some still recall their student days in the Department of Oral Surgery, where teachers and students came with enthusiasm. Such an atmosphere was very much due to Prof. Ivica Krmpotić. His life was not long, but the mark he left at the School and in Croatian dental medicine is very clear and recognizable, even though such marks gradually fade with time. Prof. Ivica Krmpotić was a man worthy of the vocation that he performed.

May he rest in peace!

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