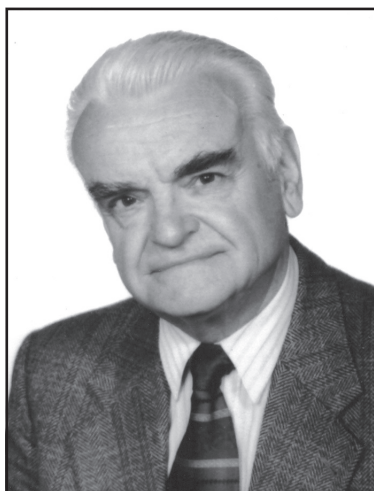


## OBITUARIES



Head Doctor Ivo Raguž, MD, PhD  
February 1930 – July 2005

Our dear colleague, Head Doctor Ivo Raguž, MD, PhD, specialist in ophthalmology, died in summer 2005. He was born on February 17, 1930 in Dubrovnik, where he completed elementary and high school. He continued his education at Zagreb University School of Medicine in Zagreb, where he graduated from in 1955. Dr. Raguž got his first employment in Stolac, Bosnia and Herzegovina, then he worked at Ploče Health Center and as consultant at regional health insurance company in Zabok. In 1969, completed his residency in ophthalmology; in 1984, defended his dissertation entitled 'Use and role of monocular photokiascopy in correction of some ametropias by hard corneal contact lenses for accurate clinical optic correction', supervised by Professor Kazimir Trogljić, MD, PhD. In 1969, Dr. Raguž completed his residency in ophthalmology. He received the title of Head Doctor in 1979; he headed Laboratory of Contact Lenses and Polyclinical Department of the University Department of Ophthalmology, Zagreb University Hospital Center, until his retirement on March 31, 1995.

His medical interests were focused on contact lens correction of refractive errors. He published many scientific articles such as 'Aphakia correction with contact lenses', 'Contact lens and spectacle correction of myopia and effects on progression of myopia', and many others. He was coauthor in the book 'Ophthalmology' by Čupak *et al.* Dr. Raguž took active part in congresses of the Yugoslav Ophthalmological Association. He earned a Medal of Labor with silver wreath from Yugoslav president; he was member of the Croatian Medical Association and secretary of the Society of Ophthalmology for 16 years. Dr. Raguž was lecturer at postgraduate studies in ophthalmology, Nursing College in Zagreb, and postgraduate studies at Inter-University Center in Dubrovnik. With his coworkers, Dr. Raguž organized professional and scientific meetings of ophthalmologists in Dubrovnik, Šibenik, Osijek, Split and Zagreb.

We will cherish the memory of Head Dr. Ivo Raguž, being grateful to having the privilege of knowing him.

*Dean Škarić*



Professor Ivan Ledić, MD, PhD  
July 17, 1925 – December 16, 2006

With the psalmist on our mind: *“Return unto thy rest, O my soul for the LORD hath dealt bountifully with thee. For thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling. I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living”*. (Holy Bible, Psalm 116,7-9), at mid-December 2006, we walked to lay to rest our longstanding fellow, Professor Ivan Ledić.

He was retired on December 31, 1990, as Professor and Head of the Chair of Ophthalmology, School of Medicine, University of Zagreb, and head of Department of Anterior Eye Segment Disease and Eye Traumatology, University Department of Ophthalmology, School of Medicine and Zagreb University Hospital Center in Zagreb.

Dr. Ivan Ledić was born on July 17, 1925 in Sinj. He completed elementary school and started attending high school in Split. In 1941, his family moved to Zagreb, where he completed high school in 1944. In the academic year 1944-1945, he enrolled in the School of Medicine, University of Zagreb, where he graduated from in 1953, having acquired the degree of doctor *medicinae universae*. He served his internship at hospitals in Bjelovar and Zagreb, to start his residency in ophthalmology at University Department of Ophthalmology in Zagreb in 1954. During his residency, he was engaged in the action of trachoma control in Međimurje, where

he organized training courses for trachoma visiting nurses.

Dr. Ivan Ledić passed his specialist exam in ophthalmology on January 11, 1958, and was appointed head of the Department of Ophthalmology, General Hospital in Bjelovar, where he worked until October 1960. From October 9, 1960 until February 28, 1965, he worked as specialist in ophthalmology at University Department of Ophthalmology, Zagreb University Hospital Center. He was an excellent ophthalmologist, who had also developed enviable educator abilities as head of practical exercises for general medicine students held at University Department of Ophthalmology, Zagreb University Hospital Center. On March 1, 1965, he was appointed assistant at School of Medicine, University of Zagreb.

From December 1, 1966, he took the position of head of the Outpatient Department at University Department of Ophthalmology, while being also engaged as a consultant in ophthalmology at Zagreb Institute of Public Health. On January 22, 1972, he was awarded the title of Head Doctor.

Dr. Ledić achieved considerable success in professional training of health workers. In 1955, he headed the course for trachoma nursing attendants in Prelog, held lectures in ophthalmology at high schools for child nurses and nursing attendants in Zagreb and Bjelovar,

and at high school for nurses and nursing college for ophthalmology nurses in Zagreb. Together with Dr. Melita Vrsalović he wrote a textbook in ophthalmology for nursing high schools (1<sup>st</sup> edition in 1966 and 2<sup>nd</sup> edition in 1970).

At University Department of Ophthalmology, Dr. Ledić was engaged in educational activities for students, interns and residents in ophthalmology. He took active part in the undergraduate and postgraduate education in ophthalmology as head of sessions and curriculum courses on maternal and child care, general medicine, then at Nursing College in Zagreb, and as associate and lecturer at Department of Medical Research and Occupational Medicine of the Croatian Academy of Science and Arts.

Being deeply engaged in functional studies of the eye and their implementation, he established Laboratory of Adaptometry at University Department of Ophthalmology, specialized for testing eye abilities in various conditions of lighting and blaze.

On April 15, 1976, Dr. Ledić defended his doctoral dissertation entitled "Clinical testing of tension tolerance of the eye from the aspect of minimum light perception". In his dissertation, he presented new, properly demonstrated data, modifications in the threshold of light perception based on adaptometry and original pupillography photography, and analysis of adaptation curve dispersion relative to intraocular pressure elevation in the early diagnosis of glaucoma.

He habilitated for lecturer at School of Medicine in 1979.

In his scientific work, Dr. Ledić tackled the problems of tuberculosis as well as the pathology of clinical manifestations of syphilitic eye diseases, studied the causes of blindness, evaluation of diagnostic ophthalmologic methods and adaptometry findings in amblyopes, visual acuity in adults and school children, and clinical occurrence of retinoschisis. Furthermore, his scientific interest was focused on eye traumatology, eye combustion, eye injuries inflicted in traffic and car accidents, lacrimal sac inflammation in childhood, and occurrence of intravitreal cysticercus. As consultant for traffic medicine at Zagreb Institute of Public Health, he was especially dealing with the sight in drivers.

Dr. Ledić took active part in a number of important national and international meetings, to mention only some of them: I Balkans Congress of Ophthalmology in Istanbul (1968); V Intersection Conference of Ophthalmologists of Croatia and Slovenia in Maribor (1968); I Yugoslav Symposium on Vision Impairment and Strabis-

mus in Zadar (1968); Symposium on Head and Neck Trauma in Zagreb (1969); VI Intersection Conference of Ophthalmologists of Croatia and Slovenia in Pula (1969); II International Symposium on Traffic Psychomedicine in Osijek (1970); VII Intersection Conference of Ophthalmologists of Croatia and Slovenia in Bled (1970); and Congress of Ophthalmologists in Sarajevo (1970); etc.

Dr. Ledić published 78 scientific and professional papers in Croatia and abroad. He wrote chapters on the cornea, sclera, eye lesions, and adaptometry in the ophthalmology textbook for medical students (1<sup>st</sup> edition, Zagreb 1985; 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, Zagreb, JUMENA 1988; 3<sup>rd</sup> edition, Zagreb, JUMENA 1990); and was contributor to the books "Diabetes and the Eye" (Zagreb, SNL, 1981), "Microsurgery of the Anterior Eye Segment" (Zagreb, SNL, 1983), and "Traffic Medicine" (Zagreb, Zagreb Institute of Public Health, 1985).

His professional and social activities included the position of member and treasurer of the Managing Board of the Section of Ophthalmology, Croatian Medical Association; member of the Managing Board and Council of the University Department of Ophthalmology; member of the School of Medicine Council; delegate to the Managing Board of Clinical Medicine Sciences at Zagreb School of Medicine; delegate to the Central Council of the Zagreb University Hospital Center; member of the governmental commission of the Republic of Croatia for assessment of driving capacity; research assistant for occupational diseases and traffic medicine at Zagreb Institute of Public Health; and associate researcher at the Institute of Medical Research and Occupational Medicine of the Croatian Academy of Science and Arts.

For his work, Dr. Ledić received Medal of Labor with golden wreath, Scroll of Honor from the School of Medicine, University of Zagreb; Plaque and Scroll of Honor from the Zagreb University Hospital Center; Scroll of Honor from the Section of Ophthalmology, Croatian Medical Association; Charter of the School of Medicine, University of Zagreb; and Scroll of Honor from YAO. He was full member of the Academy of Medical Sciences of Croatia from 1983. Dr. Ivan Ledić died in Zagreb on December 16, 2006.

We will cherish the memory of Dr. Ivan Ledić with gratitude and due respect for all the good he had bequeathed to our patients, our department, and to us who had the privilege of knowing him.

*Vjekoslav Dorn*



Professor Jiřina Vrančić, MD, PhD  
May 7, 1925 – February 21, 2006

At the beginning of 2006, the University Department of Ophthalmology, School of Medicine and Zagreb University Hospital Center, faced departure from this life of Jiřina Vrančić, our longstanding fellow professor, medical doctor.

Jiřina Vrančić was born on May 7, 1925 in Sremska Mitrovica. She completed elementary school and high school in Sremska Mitrovica and Vukovar, to continue her education at School of Medicine in Vienna from 1948-1950, and to graduate from the Zagreb School of Medicine in 1952. She served her internship in Zagreb, then worked at Municipal Polyclinic in Karlovac and Infant Welfare Clinic in Sisak in 1954 and 1955. She volunteered at University Department of Ophthalmology, Zagreb University Hospital Center from March 1, 1955, and started her residency in ophthalmology on October 15, 1955. From June 1, 1956 until July 1, 1957, she worked as foreign student at the Institute of Ophthalmology, Presbyterian Hospital in New York, NY, USA.

Dr. Vrančić passed specialist exam in ophthalmology on January 17, 1959; was appointed assistant at University Department of Ophthalmology, Zagreb University Hospital Center on April 1, 1960; and received PhD degree in medical sciences having defended her dissertation entitled 'A contribution to the study of acid-base

balance of the vitreous in the treatment of experimental intravitreal infections by vitreous transplantation'.

She received the title of Head Doctor on April 10, 1972; habilitated in the subject of ophthalmology for undergraduate studies at Zagreb School of Medicine on March 31, 1976; and was appointed Assistant Professor on April 28, 1976; Associate Professor on March 13, 1981; and Professor of Ophthalmology on April 11, 1985. Dr. Vrančić was head of the Operative Department I of the University Department of Ophthalmology, Zagreb University Hospital Center until retirement on June 30, 1987. Head Doctor Jiřina Vrančić died on February 21, 2006 in Zagreb.

In her professional and scientific work, she was distinguished for her diagnostic and operative skills and abilities. She was deeply engaged in the problems of eye traumatology, traffic eye trauma in particular. In addition, she investigated evaluation of the ophthalmologic method objectivity. Specific fields of her scientific interest were the issues related to the vitreous body, and intraocular tumors and their systematic assessment according to the international tumor classification. Her professional, educational and scientific activities, especially in the field of vitreous body, resulted in a number of scientific papers in the fields.

As head of the operative department, Dr. Vrančić displayed high manual skills, not only on routine operations but also on own modifications of modern, complicated eye procedures.

Throughout her work at the Department, she took part in various forms of education, exercises and seminars for undergraduate students. From the very introduction, Dr. Vrančić was actively engaged in postgraduate education as head of a postgraduate course. In these activities, she showed all characteristics of a good lecturer, with her systematic and patient approach.

During her active life, she took active part in a number of professional meetings and congresses, with papers published in Croatian and international journals. She wrote the chapter on vitreous body in the ophthalmology textbook (1<sup>st</sup> edition, Zagreb 1985; 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, Zagreb, JUMENA 1988).

Dr. Jjovina Vrančić also pursued rich social activities, both at the Department and in various bodies of the Croatian Medical Association, Society of Ophthalmology, and union federation. She readily accepted all social tasks and actively engaged in solving the problems of both the Department and the Chair of Ophthalmology. For these endeavors she was awarded a number of recognitions.

During her longstanding work at University Department of Ophthalmology, Zagreb University Hospital Center, she grew into an excellent ophthalmologist both in daily routine and in her scientific and educational activities, and so we will always remember her.

*Vjekoslav Dorn*

