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Sažetak
Acta stomatologica Croatica (ASCRO) je znanstveno-stručni časopis koji je počeo izlaziti davne 1966. godine. Od tada pa do danas njegovi nakladnici su Stomatološki fakultet Sveučilišta u Zagrebu i Hrvatsko stomatološko društvo Hrvatskoga liječničkog zbora. Istaknimo da je u proteklih 50 godina tiskano dvjesto redovitih sveščića, a tu su i tri dodatka. Časopis je međunarodno indeksiran i dodijeljena mu je oznaka DOI. Tako se redovito na CrossChecku mogu pratiti eventualni plagijarizmi, čime se nastoji postići izvornost objavljenih rezultata. Specifičnosti ASCRO-a su dvojezičnost u punom tekstu, međunarodna prepoznatljivost, otvoreni pristup i tradicija zasnovana na čvrstim temeljima.

Ključne riječi:
Acta stomatologica Croatica; Hrvatska; Sveučilište u Zagrebu, Stomatološki fakultet; Hrvatsko stomatološko društvo; znanstveni časopisi; stomatološko izdavaštvo

Uvod

Publicistika iz područja stomatologije/dentalne medicine u Hrvatskoj i na Sveučilištu u Zagrebu ima dugu tradiciju. Važno mjesto, među inim tiskovinama, sigurno ima znanstveno-stručni časopis *Acta stomatologica Croatica* (ISSN 0001-7019) (u daljnjem tekstu ASCRO) koji je počeo svoj život točno prije 50 godina. Stoga je ovo prigoda da ukratko rezimiramo proteklih pola stoljeća kontinuiranog izlaženja časopisa.

Pedesete i rane šezdesete godine prošlog stoljeća smatraju se početkom i razdobljem razvoja visokoškolskog obrazovanja stomatologa na Sveučilištu u Zagrebu – najprije *doktora zubne medicine*, a zatim *doktora stomatologije*. Prvi diplomirani doktor zubne medicine na Sveučilištu u Zagrebu bio je Milenko Lainović – diplomu je stekao 1954. (1, 2).

Naši učitelji, a u to doba i pokretači časopisa *Acta stomatologica Croatica*, bili su svjesni da je profesiji prijeko potreban znanstveno-stručni časopis. Na njegovim stranicama vodila se znanstveno-stručna komunikacija, problematizirane su sve aktualne teme, *brusila* se stručna misao i javnosti su prezentirani rezultati najnovijih istraživanja i spoznaja. Mno-

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Abstract
Acta stomatologica Croatisa (ASCRO) is scientific-professional magazine whose first issue was published back in 1966. Ever since the magazine publishers were the School of Dental Medicine of the University of Zagreb and the Croatian Dental Association of the Croatian Medical Association. Over the past fifty years two hundred regular editions were pubslished along with three additions. The magazine has been internationally indexed and it was granted the DOI number. In this way by means of CrossCheck possible plagiarisms are being checked which aims at obtaining originality of the published results. Another peculiarity of ASCRO is bilingualism throughout the whole edition, international recognizability, open source and tradition based on sound foundations.

Key words:
Acta stomatologica Croatica; Croatia; University of Zagreb, School of dental medicine; Croatian dental society; Periodicals as Topic; Dental Journalism

Introduction

Publishing in the field of dentistry / dental medicine has a long tradition in Croatia and at Zagreb University. An importan place among all the publications definitely belongs to scientific-professional magazine Acta stomatologica Croatica (ISSN 0001-7019) (hereinafter ASCRO), which was born exactly fifty years ago. Therefore this is an opportunity to take a short look of the last half a century that this magazine has been published.

The fifties and the early sixties of the last century belong to the beginning and development of the university education of dentists at the Zagreb University – first they were doctors of dental medicine, and later doctors of stomatology. The first doctor of dental medicine who has graduated from the Zagreb University was Milenko Lainović in 1954 (1,2).

Our teachers, who at that time were also the founders of the magazine Acta stomatologica Croatica, were aware of the need for scientific and professional magazine. The magazine was the platform where scientific and professional communication took place, all the important topics and various scientific thoughts were discussed and the latest researches and

gobrojne generacije nastavnika znanstveno su stasale tako što su objavljivale članke u ASCRO-u te svoja znanstveno-nastavna napredovanja mogu zahvaliti upravo ovom časopisu. Osim toga, objavljivanje radova najprije domaćih, a poslije i stranih autora, imalo je i još ima zadaću u prosvjećivanu čitatelja, a to su ponajviše stomatolozi praktičari i znanstvenici, danas ne samo iz Hrvatske nego iz cijeloga svijeta.

Među osnivačima Stomatološkog fakulteta Sveučilišta u Zagrebu i prvoga, a do danas i jedinoga znanstveno-stručnog stomatološkog časopisa *Acta stomatologica Croatica,* bio je profesor dentalne patologije **Zdenko Njemirovskij**. Taj ugledni stručnjak bio je prvi urednik časopisa, a tu je dužnost obnašao pune dvadeset i dvije godine – od 1966. do 1989. Zadnji broj koji je uredio prof. Njemirovskij bio je broj 3 iz 1989. godine u kojemu je, nažalost, objavljen i njegov nekrolog. Zahvaljujući sjajnoj viziji i predanom radu glavnoga i odgovornog urednika, ASCRO je postupno stjecao međunarodnu prepoznatljivost. Za profesorova boravka u Sjedinjenim Američkim Državama 1968. godine, na mjestu urednika, u dva broja, zamijenio ga je Danko Nikšić. Tajnici časopisa bili su Ilija Škrinjarić (1982. – 1988.) i Miljenko Bačić (1986. – 1989.), slika 1a-d (3).

Do 1981. godine svi su radovi bili tiskani na hrvatskome jeziku, redovito s prijevodom naslova i sažetcima na engleskome i njemačkome te sažetkom na hrvatskome. Prvi rad na stranom jeziku objavljen je 1982. godine na engleskome i broj takvih radova s vremenom se povećavao. Od 1982. do 1997. godine članci su tiskani na jeziku na kojemu su ih autori napisali, a uz obvezni sažetak na jeziku autora i sažetak na drugom jeziku.

Nakon nenadanog i naglog odlaska Zdenka Njemirovskija vođenje časopisa preuzeo je ***Vladimir Lapter***, čelni ortodont u Hrvatskoj koji je dužnost glavnog urednika obnašao od četvrtoga broja 1989. do 1995. Vladimir Lapter bio je izvrstan poznavatelj znanstveno-stručnog novinarstva i autor nekoliko knjiga i udžbenika. U doba kada je on uređivao ASCRO u Hrvatskoj je bjesnio Domovinski rat (1991. – 1995.) koji je prouzročio neredovitost tj. kašnjenje u izlaženju. Tijekom rata ipak je održan kontinuitet izdavanja časopisa, ali je bio uočljiv privremeni gubitak entuzijazma i prave koncentracije za objavljivanje radova i njihovo recenziranje. Zbog odlaska u mirovinu i narušena zdravlja, prof. Lapter predao je uredništvo 1996. godine. Tada je tajnik časopisa bio Andrej Meniga (1990. – 1994.) (3, 4).

Godine 1996. na mjesto glavnog i odgovornog urednika dolazi ***Goran Knežević*** koji je tu dužnost obnašao do 2006. Istaknimo da se tada, neposredno nakon rata, u uredništvu osjećao duh nacionalnog ponosa i zanos koji je tada, razumljivo, ojačao u cijeloj Hrvatskoj. Stomatološka znanost i struka u časopisu je tijekom njegova obavljanja uredničke dužnosti bila predstavljena jasno s nacionalnom usmjerenošću, poštujući materinski jezik koji je pod utjecajem politike bivše federalne zajednice desetljećima bio potiskivan iz svih javnih, obrazovnih, komunikacijskih, publicističkih i inih djelatnosti. Izborom međunarodnoga uređivačkog kolegija u kojem su ugledni stručnjaci i dvojezičnim tiskanjem svih članaka, časopis je u doba Gorana Kneževića postao dostupan i stranim čitateljima. Vanjskim, grafičkim izgledom isticali su

ideas were presented to the public. The scientific maturing of numerous generations of teachers was happening through publishing in ASCRO, and they can thank their scientific and teaching advancements to this magazine. Besides, publishing of the domestic and later of international authors as well had an important role in the enlightenment of the readers who were mostly practicing dentists and scientists, today not only from Croatia, but also from all around the world.

Among the founders of the School of Dental Medicine, University of Zagreb, first and until today the only scientific-professional magazine Acta stomatologica Croatica was Zdenko Njemirovskij, professor of dental pathology. ***Zdenko Njemirovskij*** was the magazine first chief editor, and he served for twenty two years, since 1966 to 1989. The last issue edited by prof. Njemirovskij was edition no. 3 from 1989, which also published his obituary. Thanks to the brilliant vision devoted work of the chief editor, ASCRO was gradually gaining international recognizability. During prof. Njemirovskij stay in the United States of America in 1968, Danko Nikšić took his place as editor in only two issues. Magazine secretaries were Ilija Škinjarić (1982 – 1988) and Miljenko Bačić (1986 – 1989) (Figure 1a-d) (3).

Until 1981 all the papers were published in Croatian, and the titles and summaries were also published in English and German as well as with a summary in Croatian. The first paper in a foreign language was published in 1982, and the number of papers translated in English was gradually growing. In the period between 1982 to 1997 the papers were published in the original language as written by the author, and they were accompanied by the summary in the original paper language and well as in another language.

After the sudden departure of Zdenko Njemirovskij the magazine was taken over by ***Vladimir Lapter***, the chief orthodontist in Croatia. He served as the chief editor from the fourth issue in 1989 to 1995. Vladimir Lapter was an exceptional connoisseur of scientific-professional journalism and author of several books and textbooks. During his editorial times Croatia was in war (1991 – 1995) which caused that some issues were published late. During the entire war period the magazine was being published, but there was obvious lack of enthusiasm and real focus on publishing of the papers and their reviewing. Professor Lapter retired, his health was getting worse, and he handed over the editor's office in 1996. At the time the secretary was Andrej Meniga (1990 – 1994), picture 2 (3,4).

In 1996 ***Goran Knežević*** became the editor and he was in the position until 2006. Clearly, after the war national pride and enthusiam grew stronger in Croatia and it was felt in the magazine as well. During the times of Goran Knežević the dental science and profession was presented in the magazine which had strong national national, paying attention to the usage of the Croatian language which was suppressed for decades from all the public, educational, communicational, publishing and other activities under the influence of the policy of the former federal union. An international editorial board was set up, all the papers were published in two languages, which made the magazine available to the international readership as well. The magazine layout asserted the

Slika 1a-d. Naslovnice časopisa *Acta stomatologica Croatica* od 1966.-1996.
Figure 1a-d The covers of *Acta stomatologica Croatica* from 1966 to 1996
Slika 2. Naslovnica s podnaslovom uvedena 2010. godine.
Figure 2 Cover page with subtitle from 2010
Slika 3. Elektroničko izdanje časopisa *Acta stomatologica Croatica (Online)* od 2006.
Figure 3 Electronic Journal of *Acta stomatologica Croatica (Online)* from 2006
Slika 4a,b. Bibliografije časopisa *Acta stomatologica Croatica* 1986. i 2006.
Figure 4a,b Bibliographies of *Acta stomatologica Croatica* published 1986 and 2006
Slika 5. Udjel čitatelja časopisa *Acta stomatologica Croatica Online* u mjesecu ožujku 2006.
Figure 5 Share of readers of Acta stomatologica Croatica Online in March 2006
Slika 6. Udjel čitatelja časopisa *Acta stomatologica Croatica Online* na dan 9. veljače 2016.
Figure 6 Share of readers of *Acta stomatologica Croatica Online* on 9th February 2016

se detalji koji su podsjećali na kulturološka i strukovna obilježja hrvatske stomatologije.

Od 1998. godine svi se radovi objavljuju dvojezično na hrvatskome i engleskome jeziku pri čemu se tekst na izvornom jeziku rada tiska prvi i sadržava sve tablične, slikovne i grafičke priloge, a zatim slijedi prijevod na drugi jezik bez priloga. Dok je časopis vodio Goran Knežević, na mjestu tajnice časopisa bila je najprije Senka Rajić (1995. – 2001.), a nakon nje Irina Filipović (2002. – 2005.) (3,5,6).

Nakon odlaska Gorana Kneževića s dužnosti urednika časopisa *Acta stomatologica Croatica,* na temelju natječaja koji su raspisali Stomatološki fakultet Sveučilišta u Zagrebu i Hrvatsko stomatološko društvo HLZ-a kao nakladnik, na mjesto glavnoga urednika izabran je 2006. godine ***Hrvoje Brkić***, a za tajnika Ivan Alajbeg (7).

Dolaskom nove, pomlađene ekipe djelatnika Stomatološkog fakulteta, ali i dugogodišnjih članova Hrvatskoga stomatološkog društva HLZ-a, ASCRO nastavlja svoju dugogodišnju tradiciju, ali se maksimalno informatizira – primjenjuju se nove informatičke tehnologije bez kojih se danas ne može zamisliti ni jedno uredništvo (8).

Porast broja znanstvenih informacija posljednjih je godina uvjetovao i osnivanje sve više znanstvenih časopisa. No, zbog znanstvenih informacija koje brzo zastarijevaju u biomedicinskoj praksi, brzina njihova objavljivanja znatno se povećala nakon što su se počeli izdavati elektronički časopisi (e-časopisi) (8,9).

Radi bolje prepoznatljivosti u svijetu, uredništvo je odlučilo časopisu *Acta stomatologica Croatica* dodati podnaslov: *International Journal of Oral Sciences and Oral medicine* koji se nalazi na naslovnici i u impresumu od godine 2010., slika 2.

Uredništvo ASCRO-a uvodi elektroničku komunikaciju s autorima i recenzentima s pomoću sustava *Papirus*, proizvedenog na zagrebačkom Fakultetu za elektrotehniku i računarstvo. Ovaj program znatno je poboljšao rad uredništva te svima omogućio brze dogovore i suradnju. Uporaba *Papirusa* zamijenjena je nekoliko godina poslije sustavom *Open Journal System* (OJS).

Naime, objavljivanje elektroničkih časopisa omogućuje svima da predstave svoju znanstvenu produkciju mnogo većem broju korisnika negoli što se to moglo u doba isključivo tiskanih publikacija. Tu pretpostavku prihvatilo je i novo uredništvo, te je 2006. godine pokrenuto elektroničko izdanje časopisa *Acta stomatologica Croatica* (online) (ISSN 1846-0410). Izrađen je i internetski portal časopisa, najprije na adresi www.ascro.net, a od 2010. godine na www.ascro.hr. Na portalu *Acta stomatologica Croatica* postaje dostupna diljem svijeta s bilo kojega mjesta i u bilo koje vrijeme, slika 3.

Prateći posebnim programima tko nas čita, odakle i što odabire, uredništvo je prema tom principu objavljivalo pristigle članke, a poneke je i naručivalo (7).

Temeljna svrha objavljivanja znanstvenih radova i komunikacije sa znanstvenom i stručnom javnošću, neupitna je prednost globalne dostupnosti. Imajući u vidu navedene i ostale prednosti globalne dostupnosti časopisa, malena skupina entuzijasta okupljena oko glavnog urednika časopisa *Acta stomatologica Croatica* Hrvoja Brkića, odlučila je svim sadaš-

details which reminded of the cultural and professional features of the Croatian dentistry.

Ever since 1998 all the papers have been published in Croatian and English language. The original text is printed first and contains all the tables, picures and graphs, and they are followed by the text translation in the other language without the tables, pictures and graphs. At the time when Goran Knežević was editor, the magazine secretary was Senka Rajić (1995 – 2001), and after her the secretary was Irina Filipović (2002 – 2005), picture 3 (3,5,6).

After Goran Knežević left the position of the Editor of Acta stomatologica Croatica, ***Hrvoje Brkić*** was appointed chief editor (following the published tender by the School of Dental Medicine, University of Zagreb), and Ivan Alajbeg was appointed secretary (7).

After the arrival of the rejuvenated team of the School of Dental Medicine, as well as the members of the Croatian Dental Association of the Medical Association for many years, ASCRO continued its long term tradition. At the same time ASCRO got computerized and it started using new IT technologies, which are impossible to omit in today's publishing, (8).

The rise in the number of scientific information in recent years caused the publishing of more and more scientific papers. But, the information in the biomedial practice become obsolete very quickly. Also, the publishing speed has increased considerably after the appearance of electronic magazines (e-magazines), (8,9).

In order to have better recognition in the world, the redaction decided to add the subtitle to the magazine Acta stomatologica Croatica: Internationl Journal of Oral Sciences and Oral Medicine. It has been printed on the front page and in the impressum since 2010, Figure 2.

ASCRO editorial office introduced the communication with the authors and consulting editors by means of electronic system called „Papirus", which was produced at the Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computing . This programme improved considerably the work of the editorial office and enabled everybody to have quick communication. Papirus was later replaced by Open Journal System (OJS).

Electronic magazines allow everybody to present their scientific works to a much greater number of users than it is possible only by means of printed magazines. The new editorial staff started their work on this premise, therefore in 2006 they started the electronic edition of Acta stomatologica Croatia (online) (ISSN 1846-0410). A web portal was also made, the first address was www.ascro.net, and ever since 2010 it has been on the address www.ascro.hr. This portal allows Acta stomatologica Croatia to be available in the entire world from any place and at any time, Figure 3.

The editorial staff has been monitoring by means of special softwares who is reading the magazines, where from are the users from and what are they reading. They used these information to select which papers they will publish and for some papers a special order was made in order to satisfy the demand (7).

Global reach is definitely a big competitive advantage in publishing of scientific papers, as well as the communication

Tablica 1. Ukupna posjećenost na *Hrčku* od 2007. do 2016. godine za tri najposjećenija časopisa iz područja biomedicine u Hrvatskoj
Table 1 Total visits to Hrčak since 2007 to 2016 for the three most read magazines in the biomedical field in Croatia.

	2007.	2008.	2009.	2010.	2011.	2012.	2013.	2014.	2015.
ASCRO	**90296**	**143041**	**132091**	**169581**	120889	119111	174962	218143	235874
Coll Antropol	40958	84341	119605	162400	**137611**	**157297**	**286822**	**328396**	**304221**
Acta Clinica	39884	91775	69987	137307	106253	120594	178114	215102	225829

ASCRO – Acta stomatologica Coatica
Coll. Antropol – Collegium Anthropologicum
Acta Clinica – Acta Clinica Croatica

njim i budućim generacijama istraživača olakšati pristup arhivi ASCRO-a (10). Cijeli projekt osmislila je Vesna Borić još 2007. godine kada je osam godišta časopisa (2000; 34 – 2007;41) izvorno elektroničkih, pohranjeno na javno dostupni portal *HRČAK* (Portal znanstvenih časopisa RH). Jedan od glavnih razloga za odabir *Hrčka* bio je taj što su se u dobro strukturiranu bazu podataka mogli unijeti svi važni metapodatci, što je pretpostavka za dobre mogućnosti pretraživanja podataka. Nakon što je okupljen tim suradnika obavljene su pripreme, a unos cijele arhivske baze završen je potkraj 2011. godine (10).

Time su nakon dviju Bibliografija, one prve objavljene 1986. godine u povodu 20. obljetnice ASCRO-a i druge publicirane 2006., trajno dostupni svi cjeloviti tekstovi od prvog sveščića 1966. godine do danas te su pohranjeni na *Hrčku* (http://hrcak.srce.hr/acta-stomatol-croat), slika 4a,b (11 – 14).

Od 2014. godine *Acta stomatologica Croatica* uključena je u sustav *CrossRef* te je dobila svoju DOI oznaku 10.15644/asc. DOI-om (Digital Object Identifier) se koristimo za jedinstveno označavanje bilo kojega digitalnog dokumenta dostupnog na internetu. Jednom dodijeljena DOI oznaka čini dokument, u ovom slučaju članak, trajno dostupnim i u slučaju promjene web adrese časopisa. Prvi članak objavljen s DOI oznakom bio je: Borić V. 50th Anniversary of the Central Dental Library of School of Dental Medicine University of Zagreb. Acta Stomatol. Croat. 2014;48(4):246-9. DOI: 10.15644/asc48/4/1.

Veliki pomak uredništvo je učinilo uključivanjem ASCRO-a u sustav *CrossCheck* koji s pomoću programa iThenticate omogućuje provjeru autentičnosti i izvornosti svih primljenih radova.

Bilo bi vrlo neumjesno ne spomenuti mnogobrojna imena onih koji su se skrbili za boljitak časopisa od njegova osnutka do danas – a to je punih 50 godina, no postoji opasnost da koga nenamjerno izostavimo. Svi autori, urednici, pomoćnici urednika, svi članovi uređivačkih kolegija, prevoditelji, lektori, korektori, tehnički urednici, tajnice, dizajneri, mnogobrojni suradnici, tiskari – svi su oni na svoj način pridonijeli uspjehu časopisa i njegovoj sve većoj čitanosti ponajprije među hrvatskim stomatolozima, ali i u svijetu.

ASCRO je danas na *Hrvatskome znanstvenom portalu* između 60 časopisa iz područja biomedicine i zdravstva na drugom mjestu prema broju čitatelja (15 – 17). Uvršten je u šest međunarodnih indeksnih baza: *Chemical abstracts, Index Copernicus, DOAJ, EMBASE, EBSCO* te u onu najveću – u citatnu bazu *SCOPUS*. I dalje nam služi za naša promaknuća u znanstvena i nastavna zvanja, ali i kao ambasador hrvatske

with the scientific and professional community. Bearing in mind that there are also some other advantages in the global reach, a small group of enthusiasts gathered around the chief editor of Acta stomatologica Croatia Hrvoje Brkić decided to facilitate the access to the magazine archive to the present and future generations of researchers (10). The whole project was designed by Vesna Borić in 2007, when eight years of magazines editions (2000;34 – 2007;41), originally electronic, were stored on the publicly accessible portal HRČAK (Portal of Scientific Journals of Croatia). HRČAK was mostly chosen because its base was well structured and it was allowed that all metadata be inserted, which is a precondition for easier browsing and searching for information. After the team was brought together, and preparations were made, the entire base entry was finalized by the end of 2011, table 1, (10).

This made permanently accessible all the papers published ever since 1966 (first there were two Bibliographies, one published in 1986 on the occasion of 20th aniversary of ASCRO, and the other one in 2006) and they are permanently stored on HRČAK (http://hrcak.srce.hr/acta-stomatol-croat), Figure 4a,b (11-14).

Ever since 2014 Acta stomatologica Croatica has been included in the CrossRef system and it has its own DOI number 10.15644/asc. DOI number (Digital Object Identifier) is used for unique identification of any digital document available through internet. Once the DOI number is assigned, the document (in this case the paper) is permanently available even in the case of the change of the magazine web address. The first paper that was ever published with DOI number is Borić V. 50th Anniversary of the Central Dental Library of School of Dental Medicine University of Zagreb. Acta Stomatol Croat. 2014;48(4):246-9. DOI: 10.15644/asc48/4/1.

The editorial office made a big step forward when they included ASCRO into the CrossCheck system which allows the verification of authenticity and originality of all the papers received by means of iThenticate programme.

It is inappropriate not to mention many persons who took care of the magazine ever since it was founded until today, for fifty years, but on the other hand this poses a risk that someone could be left out. Every single author, the editors, assistant editors, all editorial board members, translators, readers, proofreaders, technical directors, secretaries, designers, many collaborators, printers – all of them have contributed in their own way to the magazine prosperity and to the increase of its readership primarily among the Croatian dentists, but also among the dentists all around the world.

Today on the *Croatian Scientific Portal* ASCRO is in the second place according to the number of readers among six-

znanstvene publicistike te Stomatološkog fakulteta Sveučilišta u Zagrebu i Hrvatskog Stomatološkog društva Hrvatskoga liječničkog zbora, slike 5, 6.

Na kraju, ali ne manje važna, ostaje činjenica da je časopis *Acta stomatologica Croatica* opstao već pola stoljeća zahvaljujući djelatnicima i čelnicima Stomatološkog fakulteta Sveučilišta u Zagrebu, bez čije kadrovske i financijske potpore to sigurno ne bi bilo moguće. Ministarstvo znanosti obrazovanja i sporta te Hrvatski liječnički zbor također su podupirali časopis u sklopu svojih ovlasti i mogućnosti, ali i na temelju naših rezultata postignutih zahvaljujući ASCRO-u.

Stomatološki fakultet Sveučilišta u Zagrebu kao jedna od rijetkih visokoškolskih institucija za obrazovanje doktora dentalne medicine (nekad doktora stomatologije) i Hrvatsko stomatološko društvo koje postoji već više od jednog stoljeća (5, 19), mogu biti ponosni na opstanak našega znanstvenog ambasadora – na časopis *Acta stomatologica Croatica* i čestitati mu 50. rođendan uz želju da ga i buduće generacije nastavnika čuvaju i razvijaju!

ty magazines from the field of biomedicine and medical services (15-17). Today it is listed in six international index bases: Chemical abstracts, Index Copernicus, DOAJ, EMBASE, EBSCO, and the biggest one – the citation database SCOPUS. It still serves us for promotions in scientific titles and teaching positions, but also as the ambassador of the Croatian scientific journalism and of the University of Zagreb School of Dental Medicine and Croatian Dental Association of the the Croatian Medical Association, Figure 5, 6.

And last but not least, there is a fact that Acta stomatologica Croatica has been holding out for half of century thanks to the employees and heads of the School of Dental Medicine of the University of Zagreb, without whose personnel and financial support it would most certainly not be possible. The Ministry of Science, Education and Sports as well as the Croatian Medical Association have also been very supportive of the magazine within their powers and capabilities, but also based on the results that Acta stomatologica Croatica magazine has delivered.

School of Dental Medicine of the University of Zagreb, as one of the rare university institutions for education of doctors of dental medicine, and the Croatian Dental Association which exists for more than a century (19,20), can both be very proud of the survival of our scientific ambassador – Acta stomatologica Croatica. They can congratulate the magazine on its 50th birthday and wish that the future generations of teachers foster and develop it!

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