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HISTORICAL REVIEW

Professor Vladimir Hudolin was longstanding head of the Department of Neurology and Psychiatry at Sestre milosrdnice University Hospital, Zagreb. From 1959 until his retirement in 1987, he developed rich scientific and professional activities, especially in the field of social psychiatry and alcoholism. So, he organized the Mediterranean School of Psychiatry, European Summer School of Alcoholism, etc. He was cofounder of the International Organization of Social Psychiatry, which he presided from 1970 till 1978, and was its first honorary president.

In 1970, Third International Congress of Social Psychiatry was held in Zagreb, and in the next year, 1971, or just thirty years ago, Proceedings of the 3rd International Congress of Social Psychiatry were published in our journal, then named Anali Bolnice 'Dr. M. Stojanović'. Professor Hudolin, then Editor-in-Chief of the journal and president of the International Organization of Social Psychiatry, prepared a great number of papers from the Con-

gress for publication. So, presentations from twelve groups of topics appeared in the journal. Experts from all over the world gathered at the Congress, so that the Congress papers published in the journal included, for example, those on 'hysteria in India', mental health in the New York State, psychotherapy in Japan (so-called Morita therapy), etc. In addition to their historical value, these papers certainly have professional importance down to the present, not only for social psychiatrists but also for all other professionals. This brief historical review will be most appropriately closed by Sir Oliver Lodge's words, cited by R. Dean, one of the authors from the Proceedings, at the beginning of his presentation: *"Never throw away hastily any old faith, tradition or convention. They may require modification, but they are the result of the experience of my generation."*

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