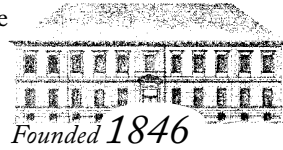


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HISTORICAL REVIEW

The first volume of our journal, then entitled *Anali Bolnice "Dr. Mladen Stojanović"*, appeared in 1962. The first issue of the journal brought an introduction written by the Editorial Board consisting of heads of all Hospital departments, divisions and institutes, and Hospital Director. Professor Vladimir Hudolin was Editor-in-Chief. From the beginning, the journal has been published at a volume/year schedule, with then optional number of issues and occasional supplements. Forty volumes, 138 issues and 64 supplements with about 30,000 pages have been published to date.

The journal brought papers by physicians employed at the Hospital, congress reports, and information on professional events at the Hospital. During the first 20 years, supplements were primarily intended for publication of doctoral dissertations by Hospital physicians, whereas later they mostly appeared as proceedings of the symposia and congresses held at or under the auspices of the Hospital.

Special issues were dedicated to famous individuals affiliated with the Hospital, then also to some more or less

traditional professional meetings such as Ophthalmology Days or Urology Days. In such a way, the journal responded to the requirements of the Hospital affiliated researchers to publish their professional and scientific papers.

However, the sights soon raised as to how to capture a wide reading public as well as contributors beyond the Hospital itself, i.e. from other health care institutions from Croatia and abroad. At present, the journal has created its own web pages, many renowned physicians from Croatia and abroad are members of its Editorial Board, whereas efforts are made for the journal to meet high quality requirements through the quality of contributions, regular appearance, eminent reviewers, and interesting topics.

The objective of every high quality periodical is to offer valuable information as well as to stimulate intelligent professional discussion on all professional and scientific issues of modern medicine.

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