

Naraštajima studenata ostaje u sjećanju profesor Dobrenić kao vrstan predavač, pedagog velikih didaktičkih sposobnosti i elokvencije, liječnik sa smislom za atraktivne prezentacije slučajeva. Među studentima i liječnicima stomatolozima bio je vrlo omiljeni predavač. Njegov etički odnos prema pacijentima u praktičnoj nastavi i osnovne postulate potrebne u liječničkoj praksi pamte mnogi naraštaji liječnika stomatologa, njegovih studenata.

Bio je svestran čovjek, volio je more, prirodu, svoj besprije-koran vrt i umjetnost.

Ljudskoj prolaznosti i smrtnosti, sudbini koja nam je svi-ma određena, odupirao se naš profesor svojim snažnim orga-nizmom i voljom do zadnjega časa.

Otišao je čovjek koji nas je posredujući struci učio ljudsko-sti. Svi koji smo radili s profesorom Dobrenićem cijenili smo njegove vrline unatoč strogosti. Bio je zainteresiran za druge ljude. Imao je osjećaj kada je potrebno nekoga ukoriti, ali i upu-titi riječi ohrabrenja ili utjehe.

Zahvalni smo mu na primjeru koji nam je pokazao svojim životom, tek poslije svjesni koliko je to imalo utjecaja na formiranje naše stručnosti, znanstvene aktivnosti i vlastitoga životnog stajališta. Ostaje nam ponos da smo bili njegovi učenici.

Djela profesora Dobrenića ostaju i žive, a i on živi u našem sjećanju i u trajnoj uspomeni.

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## IN MEMORIAM

### **Prof. Milutin Dobrenić 1917 - 2003**

Prof. Milutin Dobrenić died in Zagreb on the 25 June 2003. He was a full professor and for many years Head of the Department of Oral Diseases at the School of Dental Medicine in Zagreb. He was a teacher, researcher and physician.

Prof. Milutin Dobrenić was born on 15 May 1917 in Bučica, in the district of Glina. He attended primary and middle school in Zagreb and in 1941 graduated at the Faculty of Philosophy, Pedagogic-Psychological Science Group in Zagreb. He defended his doctoral dissertation in 1943 and acquired the title of Doctor of Philosophy, with the eternally present reformist theme "*A contribution to an examination of the difficulties of teaching material*". In 1945 he switched to health education and completed a course of study at the School for Dentists in Zagreb, later graduating at the Higher Dental School. In 1961 he graduated at the School of Medicine, Dental Department in Zagreb. In 1962 he was promoted to Doctor of Medical Science, defending his dissertation under the title "*The endings of dentinal tubules and their relation to surrounding tissue*". In 1972 he became a specialist in oral and dental pathology.

He worked in the dental profession from 1948 continuously up until his retirement in 1983, initially as a dentist in the School Polyclinic in Zagreb and later as a professional lecturer in the Odontological Section of the Medical School in Zagreb.

In 1951 he began his academic career, up to full professor at the School of Dental Medicine in Zagreb.

He started work in the Department of Dental Pathology, School of Dental Medicine, where he became senior lecturer, and according to the School's requirements he was transferred to Oral Pathology, where he carried out the duties of Head of the Department of Oral Pathology, School of Dental Medicine from 1962 until 1983. He was Head of the Clinical Department of Oral Diseases, Dental Clinic Rebro, University Hospital, Zagreb.

From the end of middle school Prof. Dobrenić worked continually in teaching, and at the same time studied, investigated and published. He became engaged in scientific work as a student and continued up until his last days.

His interest in science began during the study of philosophy, after which he became engaged in research work in the field of applied psychology. Throughout his lifetime he remained loyal to his psychological-pedagogic preoccupation and applied it in another profession - dental medicine. After arriving at the School of Dental Medicine he organised a course on scientific methods for teachers and coworkers at the School.

With his election to lecturer at the Medical School, Dentistry Department he changed his field of scientific interest and became interested first in dental and later oral pathology. He became engaged in investigations on the physiology and pathology of teeth. He mainly worked on investigations in the field of oral pathology and oral medicine. This was his most important and extensive period of scientific research work which lasted for 20 years up until his retirement, and continued even after that time.

As Senior Lecturer, according to the requirements of the School, he took over the teaching of Oral Pathology in which he set the basis of his scientific research work. He established the Histopathological laboratory, whose work resulted in numerous scientific papers in the field of Oral Pathology.

Scientific studies, most often interdisciplinary, frequently originated from the use of microbiology, pharmacology, chemistry, internal medicine and other medical disciplines. The research results were published in scientific journals both at home and abroad, where he presented them at congresses or other international meetings throughout Europe.

In order to study scientific methods and work on professional and scientific problems in oral pathology, he spent time in study visits to many well-known scientific-teaching institutions abroad, working on clinical or basic research investigations. There he studied and lectured, confronting his experience and knowledge with foreign colleagues in world centres of medicine and dental medicine: Lyon, Paris, Berlin, Hannover, Salzburg, Pavia, Malmö, Strasbourg, New Orleans, Luxembourg, Montreux and others.

He published 125 papers, of which over 100 were scientific. As an eminent scientific he was elected in 1967 to membership of the Scientific Counsel of the International Society for Nutrition, Vital Substances and Diseases of Civilisation in Hannover, and as a member and founder of the International Academy for Protection of Nature, Environment and Biopolitics with Headquarters in Luxembourg in 1971. He established contact with many eminent scientists in the field of oral and dental pathology, and dental medicine particularly in Europe and the world. Apart from the aforementioned scientific activities Prof.

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Dobrenić published professional and scientific books. He published five books representing basic oral pathology in Croatia, many lexicographic units, numerous surveys, review articles, lecture reports.

As a professional pedagogue he was engaged in modern teaching, in which students were active. He was mentor for many students working on scientific studies, master's theses, doctoral dissertations and specialist training. Apart from regular scientific teaching at the School of Dental Medicine in graduate and postgraduate teaching Prof. Dobrenić taught oral pathology when required by the School of Dental Medicine in Sarajevo and the Dentistry Department of the Medical Faculty in Rijeka.

He was the President and Treasurer of the Dental Section of the Croatian Medical Society, and in this context he organised very successful symposia, congresses and seminars.

He was the initiator and organiser of the Specialist Section for Oral and Dental Pathology of the Croatian Medical Society, in which he carried out the duties of President.

He was honorary member of the Croatian Society for Oral Medicine and Pathology. For his scientific work he received 20 different awards both in this country and abroad. His latest highest award was that of the Croatian Medical Society - honorary member, which he received in 2001. With the death of Prof. Milutin Dobrenić we have lost our teacher, long-term lecturer and dear friend. Fate has taken a man who belongs among the great names who constitute the pillar of high education and health in Croatia, and thus in a specific way distinguish the dental profession over a longer period of time. To generations of his students Prof. Dobrenić remains in the memory as an excel-

lent teacher and good pedagogue, of great didactic ability and eloquence, a physician with a feeling for attractive presentation of cases. He was a very well liked teacher among students and dental physicians. His ethical approach to practical teaching on patients, and basic postulate necessary in medical practice, will be remembered by many generations of dental physicians - his students.

He was an all-round man, who loved the sea, which he enjoyed whenever he could. He loved nature, his immaculate garden and the art which he left behind as a souvenir, a beautiful oil landscape painting.

Human transience and mortality, fate that is predestined for us all, was resisted by our Professor with his strong organisation and spirit up until the last moment.

A man has gone who taught us the profession, and also humanity. All those of us who worked with Prof. Dobrenić, valued his virtues in spite of his strictness. He was interested in other people, and had a sense of when it was necessary to reprimand and when to give words of encouragement and comfort.

We are thankful to him for the example which he set throughout his life. Only later aware of how much it had effected the formation of our own professional, scientific activity and personal attitude to life. We remain proud to have been his pupils.

The work of Prof. Dobrenić is still alive, and he lives on in our memories.

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