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FOREWORD

The hundredth anniversary of ophthalmology in Croatia is indeed a very important and remarkable jubilee. We are very proud that already in 1901 the eye clinic was founded as an independent department in the “Sestre milosrdnice” hospital.

Our wish was to mark the occasion with a special ophthalmological issue of Acta Clinica Croatica which includes contributions by colleagues from both Croatia and abroad.

It can be proudly noted that in the course of the last century our ophthalmological department in the “Sestre milosrdnice” hospital has been the place for pioneer work on different diagnostic and therapeutic procedures. For example, first transplantation of cornea, first use of laser in retinal diseases, and one of the first implantations of intraocular lens were all performed in this eye clinic.

Today’s quick development of high technology and overall use of computers improve efficacy of ophthalmology and require constant learning and acceptance of new methods and skills. This can also be seen in the contributions published in this magazine which are really updated and deal with contemporary problems. The scientific part is followed by chronologically presented historical overview of the Clinic. In 100 hundred years of our work, there were a lot of moments that need to be remembered.

At the end, you can find “in memoriam” of our respectful colleagues that have recently left us. Their contribution to the development of the Clinic, dedicated work and important results achieved in the field of ophthalmology are and will be permanent inspiration to all of us.

I would like to thank all my colleagues who have enthusiastically agreed to prepare articles for this issue. I am also most grateful to the editors of the ACC for their understanding and support.

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