

In Memoriam

Prof. dr. sc. Dora Najžar Fleger
1931. – 2007.

Dora Najžar Fleger rođena je 10. listopada godine 1931. u Orehovcu pokraj Križevaca, gdje je završila osnovnu školu. U Zagrebu je pohađala gimnaziju i studirala stomatologiju na Stomatološkom odjelu Medicinskog fakulteta Sveučilišta u Zagrebu. Diplomirala je 1957., a nakon toga se zaposlila u Domu narodnog zdravlja u Daruvaru, gdje je radila do 30. studenoga 1960. Posljednju je godinu radila je kao voditeljica Zubnog odjela. U Zavodu za dentalnu patologiju Stomatološkog fakulteta u Zagrebu zaposlila se 1. prosinca 1960. i u toj je instituciji radila do odlaska u mirovinu. Poslijediplomski studij iz medicinske mikrobiologije u Školi narodnog zdravlja „Andrija Štampar“, u Zagrebu završila je godine 1968., a 1971. obranila je magistarski rad pod naslovom „Candida i Rhodotorula u korijenskom kanalu“. Godine 1972. izabrana je za naslovnog docenta na temelju obrane habilitacijskog rada „Citotoksičnost helatora ispitana in vivo“. Nakon toga postaje ispitaivač u Zavodu za dentalnu patologiju. Doktorski rad pod naslovom „Studij mikrobiološke flore korijenskog kanala zuba u ovisnosti sa zahvatima na endodontu“ obranila je 1978., a u znanstveno zvanje višeg znanstvenog suradnika izabrana je 1982. Iste godine postala je izvanredni profesor i predstojnica Zavoda za dentalnu patologiju te voditeljica Odjela za bolesti zuba Stomatološke klinike KBC-a. Godine 1984. postaje primarijus, a u zvanje redovitog profesora izabrana je godine 1988. Stručno se usavršavala u zemlji i inozemstvu, te je od 1983. do 1984. šest mjeseci, kao dobitnica međunarodne stipendije kanadske vlade, boravila na Britansko-kolumbijskom sveučilištu (British Columbia) u Vancouveru, gdje je radila na projektu o salivarnim žlijezdama. Dužnost predstojnice Zavoda za dentalnu patologiju obnaša do godine 1993. Tijekom svojega plodonosnog rada objavila je stotinjak radova, od kojih su 33 znanstvena. Radila je u Povjerenstvu za standarde iz područja stomatoloških materijala za Savezni zavod za standardizaciju. Sudjelovala je u izradi stomatološke nomenklature i standarda zdravstvenog osiguranja Republike Hrvatske te je godinama bila nositeljica struke i mentorica studentima dodiplomskog i poslijediplomskog studija. Bila je mentor petnaestorici magistara i doktora znanosti.

Bogat stručni opus Dore Najžar Fleger govori sam za sebe. Bila je neumorna u znanstvenom, nastavnom i kliničkom radu, a nije prestala djelovati ni nakon odlaska u zasluženu mirovinu – tada je još s većim žarom radila u mnogobrojnim društvima. Iza nje su ostala napisana literarna djela: „Glazbeno nadarena“, „Sfumato jednog vremena“ i „Za vlastitim snom“, njezina obitelj, ali i njezini suradnici koje je nesebično uvodila u život Sveučilišta i Klinike. Mnogi od nas zahvalni smo joj na savjetima i znanju koje je nesebično dijelila s nama, kako onom stručnom, tako i životnom. Mnogi od nas „duguju“ uspjeh Dori Najžar Fleger.

Naša Dora, predstojnica i prijateljica, otišla je za svojom zvijezdom – ostavila nas je da pokušamo dosegnuti ljubav i poštenje kojim nas je prigrlila.



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Dora Najžar Fleger was born 10th November 1931 in a small place called Orehovac near the town of Križevci where she finished elementary school. She moved to Zagreb and after she had graduated from high school she started the School of Dentistry which was at that time part of the Medical School, University of Zagreb. She graduated in 1957 and started her professional career in the Community Health Centre Daruvar. She had worked there until 30th November 1960. During her last year there she was the Head of Dental Department. The

same year she moved to Zagreb for the second time and started to work at the Department of Dental Pathology, School of Dental Medicine, University of Zagreb where she had worked until retirement. In 1968. she completed the postgraduate study in the field of medical microbiology in the School of Community Health “Andrija Štampar” in Zagreb. She received the Master’s degree from the University of Zagreb in 1971. and the title of the master thesis was “Candida and Rhodotorula in Root Canal“. In 1972. she became an assistant professor after the public presentation of habilitation thesis entitled “Cytotoxicity of Chelator in vivo“. She received PhD from University of Zagreb in 1978 after the public presentation of doctoral thesis entitled “Microbiological Study of Intra canal Flora in Connection with Root Canal Treatment“. She became a senior research associate in 1982. and later in the year she became the associate professor, Head of the Department of Dental Pathology and Head of the Department of Dental Clinic, Clinical Hospital Centre, Zagreb, while in 1984 she became the head doctor. In 1988. she became a full professor of Dental Pathology. She received the grant from the Canadian government as a foreign student for scientific education at British Columbia University in Vancouver in 1983/1984. During that time she worked on the scientific project about salivary glands. She was the Head of the Department at the University of Zagreb until 1993. During her professional career she published more than a hundred scientific and professional papers of which 33 were original scientific papers. She was a member of the Commission for Standardization in Dentistry with the Federal Department of Standardization. She was also a member of the Committee for the dental nomenclature and the standard of health insurance in the Republic of Croatia. As a teacher she was a mentor of 15 postgraduate students during their postgraduate studies for the master and PhD degrees

Her numerous works speak for themselves. She was tireless in her scientific, pedagogical and clinical work and that enthusiasm did not end when she retired – on the contrary, it showed itself even more in her work with various institutions.

What is left behind are her literary works “Glazbeno nadarena“, “Sfumato jednog vremena“ and “ Za vlastitim snom“, her family, as well as her colleagues who she has unselfishly introduced into the life of the University and the Clinics. Many of us are grateful for her advice and knowledge which she shared with us. There are many of us who owe our professional success to Dora Najžar Fleger.

Our Dora, our Head and our friend, has left to follow her star leaving us to try and reach the love and integrity by which she had embraced us.