

THE 68TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL FOR TRAUMATOLOGY Zagreb, May 20, 2016

Celebration of the 68th anniversary of the University Hospital for Traumatology, Sestre milosrdnice University Hospital Center, was held on Friday, May 20, 2016 at the Croatian Medical Association. Eminent guests attended the assembly, which was held by Prof. Aljoša Matejčić, MD, PhD, Head of the University Hospital for Traumatology.

In his introductory speech, Prof. Matejčić welcomed all the guests that joined this important manifestation in honor of the University Hospital for Traumatology as the top hospital specialized in surgery of the musculoskeletal system and dealing with all sorts of the locomotor system injuries. During 2015, more than 100,000 polyclinic patients were examined, more than 5000 patients hospitalized and more than 6500 surgeries performed, along with 2000 small procedures in the infirmary. The average hospital stay was 8 days. The Hospital has 174 beds covered by 24-hour care provided by around 220 staff members.

The Hospital has a prominent role in many important scientific projects. Department of Spinal Surgery,

headed by Head Doctor Zvonko Kejla, MD, is currently a candidate for AOCSC (AO Certified Study Center), as well as part of the prospective observational European multicenter study entitled Prognostic Factors and Therapeutic Effects of Surgical Treatment for Traumatic Spinal Column Injury with Spinal Cord Injury. The Hospital is involved in the Osteogrow project entitled Novel Bone Morphogenetic Protein 6 Biocompatible Carrier Device for Bone Regeneration, a project from the field of regenerative medicine in which BMP-6 is used to treat typical radius fractures. Along with Head Doctor Dragan Đurđević, MD, MS and Tomislav Vlahović, MD, as Hospital representatives, coordinator is Prof. Slobodan Vukičević, MD, PhD, from the School of Medicine, University of Zagreb. The project entitled Molecular Basis of Aseptic Hip Instability is also currently under way, led by Prof. Robert Kolundžić, MD, PhD. Head Doctor Tatjana Nikolić, MD is leader of a randomized, clinical trial of odanacatib safety and its role in diminishing the risk of osteoporotic fractures in postmenopausal women on therapy with vitamin D



Fig. 1. Prof. Aljoša Matejčić, MD, PhD, Head of the University Hospital for Traumatology.



Fig. 2. Tomislav Vlahović, MD.



Fig. 3. Head Doctor Mario Malović, MD.



Fig. 4. Ivana Župetić, MD; Prof. Roman Pavić, MD, PhD; Head Doctor Tatjana Nikolić, MD; Tomislav Vlahović, MD; and Head Doctor Mario Malović, MD (from left to right).

and calcium. Several pilot projects are waiting for final approval by the Ministry of Health.

In the absence of Prof. Tedi Cicvarić, President of the Croatian Trauma Society, Tomislav Vlahović, MD, invited all those interested to join the 5th Congress of the Croatian Trauma Society to be held on March 23-25, 2017 in Hotel Antunović, Zagreb, Croatia. Furthermore, as part of his introduction, Prof. Robert Kolundžić, President of the Croatian Orthopedic Society, expressed thanks for invitation and congratulated on good organization of this manifestation. Disregarding all previous disagreements, he invited all those involved in treating musculoskeletal issues to unite, since we all have the same goal.

Assist. Prof. Mario Zovak, MD, PhD, Head of the Sestre milosrdnice University Hospital Center, welcomed the guests once again and showed recognition of the praiseworthy tradition of the University Hospital for Traumatology. He insisted on the idea that Sestre milosrdnice University Hospital Center be the leading brand in all of its segments, and perceived its potential to be properly utilized through collaboration

and synergy of the University Hospital for Traumatology with University Hospital for Tumors and all other departments located at the main site of the Sestre milosrdnice University Hospital Center, i.e. University Hospital for Traumatology, Sestre milosrdnice University Hospital Center and University Hospital for Tumors. At the end of his speech, Prof. Mario Zovak and Prof. Aljoša Matejčić announced the beginning of the scientific part.

The introduction section was followed by the scientific part, with lectures on fractures in the wrist joint and hand area. Prof. Roman Pavić, MD, PhD, thoroughly explained the complicated injuries of big and small arch of the wrist joint, with special reference to the variety of surgical treatments, illustrated by interesting cases. Tomislav Vlahović, MD, talked about indications and diversity of surgical treatment of scaphoid bone pseudoarthrosis, especially focusing on different classifications due to its characteristic vascularization, type of fracture and time of injury. Head Doctor Mario Malović, MD, showed complete overview of the epidemiology, classification, diagnosis, conservative and surgical treatment of the fractures of carpal bones and especially fractures in the area of metacarpal bones, illustrated with interesting cases. Ivana Župetić, MD, presented a lecture on ultrasound possibilities in the diagnosis of the extensor pollicis longus tendon lesion. The last lecture on the topic of rehabilitation after fracture in the wrist joint and hand area was held by Head Doctor Tatjana Nikolić, MD, who talked about rehabilitation process in patients treated at the University Hospital for Traumatology. After all lectures had been presented, Prof. Aljoša Matejčić conducted discussion in which experiences and stands on the mentioned topics were exchanged.

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