

In Memoriam / U spomen



Professor Ivan Sović, PhD (1931 – 2017)

Professor Ivan Sović, renowned Croatian linguist, scientist and retired university professor, died on August 5, 2017 at the age of 87. The funeral took place on August 9, 2017 at the local cemetery in Gušće near Sisak, where he lived ever since retiring.

He was born on May 3, 1931 in Gornja Latina, a village in the Posavina region. After completing primary school as a talented student, he pursued his education in Zagreb. He completed the Archdiocesan Classical Gymnasium (Grades 1 – 5) and Classical Gymnasium (grades 6 – 8). He graduated from the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences in Zagreb where he studied Croatian language and Yugoslav literature. His master thesis entitled “The Language of Janko Leskovar” and doctoral thesis “The Language of Ksaver Šandor Đalski” (defended in 1980) were also defended at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences in Zagreb. Since 1956, he worked as a teacher of Croatian language at the Teacher Training School and Gymnasium “Braća Hanžek” in Petrinja. He started working at the Teacher Training College (today Faculty of Teacher Education) in 1970 where he taught courses *Croatian language*, *Basic grammar* and *Culture of speaking and writing* to preschool teacher education students and primary teacher education students for almost thirty years. Twice he served as dean. During his term of office, teacher education studies became four-year programs of study and the college was renamed Teaching Academy, eventually to become the five-year Faculty of Teacher Education. He retired in 1999 as full professor.

His educational and scientific-research work was directed to the area of Croatian linguistics and linguodidactics, focusing on research of the Croatian language and its application in teaching. A particular area of interest was research of the language of Croatian writers and Croatian dialects which make up the Croatian literary language. He was particularly engaged in the promotion of positive attitudes towards language and mother tongue – Croatian, and the importance of accurate oral and written

expression in the standard language. He published three books and more than forty scientific and professional papers published in conference proceedings, journals and newspapers (*Jezik, Suvremena metodika nastave hrvatskoga jezika, Napredak, Obnovljeni život*, and others). He showed particular interest for the status of Croatian language in the religious context and published several papers in *Glas koncila* about the Croatian language at schools of theology and attacks on language and orthography. Additionally, he accentuated around one hundred thousand Croatian words in the great Croatian – Russian dictionary (Dautović, 2000).

He participated in numerous professional and scientific conferences at home and abroad. He wrote a series of reviews and was language advisor, lector and proofreader of a number of professional books where he was often the author of the afterword or preface. For years, he worked as a lecturer at professional development seminars for teachers and took part in committees for licensing teachers. He held many lectures at round tables and meetings relating to Croatian language. He was a member of a number of professional associations and institutions: Matrix Croatica, Croatian Philological Society, and Croatian Pedagogical Literary Society.

For the years of successful and professional work in science and education, his contribution to society and efforts for the promotion of language culture, he was awarded with: Stjepan Basariček Award for life-time achievement in education (1995), the Order of Croatian Danica with the image of Antun Radić, the Order of the Croatian Interlace, the Order of Croatian Danica with the image of Marko Marulić (1998), Award of the Croatian cultural-education Battalion from the Terra nostra Croatica Society (1999), Golden Plaque MNC for contributions in educational policy and education (1999).

During the 43 years of his teaching profession, professor Sović was remembered as a “strict, but just” professor, popular among generations of pupils and students who enjoyed his interesting and witty lectures. He also advocated students’ rights and needs. His colleagues will remember him as an outstanding professional, distinctive, sociable and unselfish man willing to help. Despite his professional obligations, he always found time for his numerous family, being particularly fond of his grandchildren.

In addition to family, numerous locals and admirers, former students and colleagues from the Faculty of Teacher Education in Zagreb, accompanied him to his last rest. With his inspirational farewell speech, the Sisak Bishop Mons. Vlado Košić led the ceremony and memorial service with five priests.

Sadly, we lost an outstanding man, versatile professional, professor and intellectual. For every word of advice and encouragement and for everything he had done for Croatian language, the teaching profession, and the Faculty of Teacher Education, in the name of students, professors and my own – as his assistant and long-time associate, I can once again say – thank you professor!

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Prof. dr. sc. Ivan Sović (1931. – 2017.)

Prof. dr. sc. Ivan Sović, istaknuti hrvatski jezikoslovac, znanstvenik i sveučilišni profesor u miru, umro je 5. kolovoza 2017. u 87. godini života. Pokopan je 9. kolovoza na mjesnome groblju u Gušću pokraj Siska, gdje je živio nakon odlaska u mirovinu.

Rođen je 3. svibnja 1931. u posavskome selu Gornja Letina. Nakon osnovne škole, kao nadaren učenik, školovanje je nastavio u Zagrebu. Pohađao je Nadbiskupsku klasičnu gimnaziju (od I. do V. razreda) i Klasičnu gimnaziju (od VI. do VIII. razreda). Na Filozofskome fakultetu u Zagrebu diplomirao je hrvatski jezik i jugoslavenske književnosti. Magistrirao je s temom »Jezik Janka Leskovara«, a doktorirao 1980. godine obranivši disertaciju »Jezik Ksavera Šandora Đalskoga«, također na Filozofskome fakultetu u Zagrebu. Od 1956. godine radio je kao profesor hrvatskoga jezika na Učiteljskoj školi i Gimnaziji „Braća Hanžek“ u Petrinji. Na Pedagoškoj akademiji u Zagrebu (danas Učiteljskom fakultetu) zaposlio se 1970. te je studentima predškolskog odgoja i razredne nastave gotovo trideset godina predavao kolegije Hrvatski jezik, Osnove gramatike i Kultura govorenja i pisanja. Dva je puta obnašao dužnost dekana. Tijekom njegova mandata učiteljski studiji postaju četverogodišnji, a ustanova je preimenovana u Učiteljsku akademiju koja kasnije postaje petogodišnji Učiteljski fakultet. U mirovinu odlazi 1999. godine kao redoviti profesor u trajnome zvanju.

Svoju odgojno-izobrazbenu i znanstvenoistraživačku djelatnost usmjerio je na jezikoslovnu kroatistiku i lingvodidaktiku, ponajprije baveći se istraživanjima hrvatskoga jezika i njegovom primjenom u nastavnoj praksi. Posebno su područje njegova interesa bila proučavanja jezika hrvatskih pisaca te hrvatska narječja u izgradnji hrvatskoga književnoga jezika. Pritom se osobito angažirao na promicanju pozitivnoga stava prema jezičnoj kulturi i materinskome nam hrvatskome jeziku te na važnosti pravilnoga usmenoga i pisanoga izražavanja na standardnome jeziku. Napisao je i objavio tri knjige te više od četrdeset znanstvenih i stručnih radova objavljenih u zbornicima, časopisima i novinama (*Jezik, Suvremena metodika nastave hrvatskoga jezika, Napredak, Obnovljeni život* i dr.). Poseban interes iskazivao je za položaj

hrvatskoga jezika u vjerskome kontekstu pa je u *Glasi Koncila* objavio niz članaka o hrvatskome jeziku na bogoslovnim učilištima te napadima na jezik i pravopis. Uz to, akcentuirao je oko sto tisuća hrvatskih riječi u Dautovićeve velikome Hrvatsko-ruskom rječniku (2000).

Sudjelovao je na brojnim stručnim i znanstvenim skupovima u zemlji i inozemstvu. Napisao je niz stručnih recenzija, bio je jezični savjetnik, lektor ili korektor velikoga broja stručnih knjiga, u kojima je često bio autor pogovora ili predgovora. Godinama je radio i kao predavač na seminarima za stručno usavršavanje učitelja te sudjelovao u povjerenstvima za provođenje stručnih ispita. Održao je mnoštvo predavanja na okruglim stolovima i aktivima hrvatskoga jezika. Bio je član niza strukovnih udruga i ustanova: Matica hrvatska, Hrvatsko filološko društvo, Hrvatski pedagoško-književni zbor.

Za svoj dugogodišnji uspješan i stručan rad u znanosti i obrazovanju, za društveno koristan rad te promicanje jezične kulture, dobio je niz priznanja: Nagrada Stjepan Basariček za životno djelo u odgojno-obrazovnoj djelatnosti (1995), Red Danice hrvatske s likom Antuna Radića, Red hrvatskoga pletera, Red Danice hrvatske s likom Marka Marulića (1998), Priznanje Hrvatske kulturno-prosvjetne bojne, Udruge Terra nostra Croatica (1999), Zlatnu plaketu MNC za postignute rezultate u prosvjeti i školstvu (1999).

Tijekom 43 godine dugoga prosvjetnoga staža profesor Sović je ostao upamćen kao „strog, ali pravedan“ profesor, omiljen među generacijama učenika i studenata koji su voljeli njegova zanimljiva i duhovita predavanja, a k tome se uvijek zauzimao za njihova prava i potrebe. Kolege s kojima je radio pamtit će ga kao vrsnoga stručnjaka i osebujnoga, druželjubivoga i nesebičnoga čovjeka spremnoga pomoći. Unatoč brojnim poslovnim obvezama, uvijek je nalazio vremena i za svoju veliku obitelj, a osobito je bio ponosan na svoje unuke.

Na posljednji počinak profesora Sovića su, uz obitelj, ispratili brojni sumještani i poštovatelji, bivši studenti i kolege s Učiteljskoga fakulteta u Zagrebu. Nadahnutim govorom od njega se oprostio sisački biskup mons. Vlado Košić koji je predvodio pogrebni obred i misu zadušnicu s još pet svećenika.

Nažalost, napustio nas je izniman čovjek, svestran stručnjak, profesor i intelektualac. Stoga, za svaku riječ, svaki savjet i poticaj, za sve što je učinio za hrvatski jezik, učiteljstvo i Učiteljski fakultet, u ime studenata i profesora te u svoje osobno ime kao njegove asistentice i dugogodišnje suradnice, ne preostaje mi drugo nego na kraju još jednom reći – Hvala, profesore!

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