

## **PRIJATELJ JE NAJVEĆE BOGATSTVO U ŽIVOTU**

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## **FRIENDSHIP IS THE GREATEST GIFT OF LIFE**

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Sl. 1. Na proslavi predstavljanja časopisa „Asseria“  
*Fig. 1. Promotion of new issue of Asseria journal*

Za mog dragog prijatelja i kolegu prof. dr. sc. Slobodana Čaču, redovnog profesora u trajnom zvanju, vežu me brojna zajednička druženja i suradnje. Jednom riječju, sa Slobodanom me veže dogodogodišnje prijateljstvo i iznimna kolegijalnost.

Slobodana poznajem od svoje prve godine studija kada je on već bio mladi asistent prof. Petru Lisičaru na Odjelu za povijest (povijest starog vijeka) tadašnjeg Filozofskog fakulteta u Zadru. Od tada pa do nedavno, dok ga bolest nije spriječila u brojnim aktivnostima, odlazili smo zajedno na rekognosciranja šireg zadarskog zaleđa. Na poziv kolege Nina Novaka, koji je radio u tadašnjem Zavodu za zaštitu spomenika u

I have very fond memories of the shared moments and collaboration with Dr. Slobodan Čače, a full tenured professor. The long years spent with Slobodan as a great friend and colleague have truly enriched me.

I first met Slobodan when I was a freshman and he was a young assistant to Professor Petar Lisičar at the Department of History (history of antiquity) of the then Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences in Zadar. Ever since, until recently, when he had to give up many of his activities due to his illness, we would take reconnaissance trips to Zadar's hinterland together. At the invitation of our colleague Nino Novak, who worked in the Institute for the Protection of Cultural Monuments in Rijeka at the time, the three of us prepared the feasibility study for the collection of stone monuments of the future museum in Krk.

Together we excavated the necropolis in Caska near Novalja on the island of Pag as part of the project developed by him and his then assistant at the Department of History, Professor Anamarija Kurilić. We spent a long time taking part in numerous excavation campaigns at St. George's Church on Putalj site (Kozjak Mountain) near Kaštel Sućurac. The excavations were led by Dr. Tonči Burić from the Museum of Croatian Archaeological Monuments in



Sl. 2. Istraživanje Sv. Jure na Putalju (Kozjak iznad Kaštel Sućurca)

Fig. 2. Excavations at St. George's Church on Putalj site (Kozjak Mountain near Kaštel Sućurac)

Rijeci, zajedno smo s kolegom Ninom u Krku radili elaborat za lapidarij budućeg muzeja.

Zajedno smo bili na istraživanjima nekropole u Caskoj kod Novalje na otoku Pagu, u sklopu njegovog projekta i projekta profesorice Anamarije Kurilić, tada njegove asistentice na Odjelu za povijest. Najduže smo zajedno bili na brojnim kampanjama istraživanja crkve sv. Jurja na Putalju (Kozjak) iznad Kaštel Sućurca. Istraživanja je vodio naš kolega i prijatelj (*srednjoevkovac*) dr. sc. Tonči Burić iz Muzeja hrvatskih arheoloških spomenika u Splitu, a nas dvojica smo bili zaduženi za prapovijest, antiku i kasnu antiku. Ta

Split and the two of us covered the Prehistory, Antiquity and Late Antiquity periods. The results of the enjoyable collaboration and several years of work included an exhibition in the Museum, the catalogue *Putalj* and, finally, the monograph *Sv. Juraj od Putalja* (Museum of Croatian Archaeological Monuments, Split, 2001). I cherish the memories of the work and time spent together at Putalj site and in the Firemen's Hall in Sućurac, where we stayed during every campaign. As a retired full professor, he joined us for the systematic archaeological excavations at Asseria in 2015. It was inspiring to witness such a youthful



Sl. 3. Islam Grčki (s obitelji Uroša Desnice)

Fig. 3. *Islam Grčki* (with Uroš Desnica's family)

lijepa suradnja i višegodišnji rad rezultirali su izložbom u Muzeju hrvatskih arheoloških spomenika u Splitu i katalogom *Putalj* te konačno i monografijom *Sv. Juraj od Putalja* (Muzej hrvatskih arheoloških spomenika, Split, 2001.). Rad i druženje na Putalju i u Domu vatrogasaca u Sućurcu, gdje smo proboravili sve kampanje, ostali su mi u nezaboravnom sjećanju. Kao umirovljeni redovni profesor u trajnom zvanju bio je s nama na sustavnim arheološkim istraživanjima 2015. godine na lokalitetu Aserija. Zaista je lijepo doživjeti takav mladenački entuzijazam od prijatelja i kolege koji je netom pošao u

enthusiasm of a friend and colleague who had just been retired. Slobodan Čače really made the campaign much more enjoyable for all of us. He was also a member of the Council of the Museum of Ancient Glass – unfortunately, not until the expiry of his mandate, because his illness prevented him from further activities on the duty he had so eagerly performed.

Due to the long-lasting friendship, his kindness, humaneness and generosity towards all of us, not only his colleagues, and deeply appreciating his scientific contribution to history and archaeology, we decided to dedicate this issue of *Asseria* to him. Professor



Sl. 4. Predstavljanje časopisa „Asseria“ 5 u Gradskoj knjižnici u Benkovcu (s lijeva na desno: Branko Kutija – gradonačelnik Benkovca, dr. sc. Ivo Fadić – urednik, izv. prof. dr. sc. Anamarija Kurilić – predstavljač, red. prof. dr. sc. Slobodan Čače – urednik).

Fig. 4. Promotion of *Asseria* No. 5 in Benkovac Municipal Library (from left to right: Branko Kutija – Mayor of Benkovac; Dr. Ivo Fadić – editor; Professor Anamarija Kurilić, PhD – presenter; Professor Slobodan Čače, PhD – editor)

mirovinu. Uistinu nam je uljepšao kampanju. U jednom sazivu bio je i u Muzejskom vijeću Muzeja antičkog stakla, na žalost ne do kraja mandata, jer ga je bolest prekinula u toj njemu dragoj dužnosti.

S obzirom na dugogodišnje zajedničko prijateljevanje, na plemenitost, humanost i susretljivost Slobodana prema svima, pa tako naravno i prema kolegama, posebno cijeneći njegov znanstveni doprinos u domeni povijesti i arheologije, odlučili smo posvetiti ovaj broj časopisa *Asseria* upravo njemu. Profesor Slobodan Čače, zajedno s

Slobodan Čače and the writer of this text have been editing *Asseria* journal together for twelve years now. His contributions in the form of scientific papers and reviews of other contributors' articles have significantly increased the journal's quality. Both of us would look forward to every new issue and its public presentation. In eleven years, 72 (mostly original scientific) papers on 2,700 pages have been printed – something to be very proud of.

Not less importantly, we have been family friends since the mid 1970s. Among



Sl. 5. Slobodan Čače u Caskoj

*Fig. 5. Slobodan Čače in Caska*



Sl. 6. Ekipa na Aseriji u kampanji 2015. godine

*Fig. 6. Excavation team at Asseria (2015)*

piscem ovih redaka, jedan je od dvojice urednika časopisa *Asseria* već dvanaest godina. Uz znanstvene priloge u nekoliko godišta i recenzije brojnih objavljenih članaka nedvojbeno je podizao razinu kvalitete časopisa. Zajedno smo se radovali svakom novom pripremljenom broju i njegovom javnom predstavljanju. U jedanaest godina tiskana su 72 većinom izvorna znanstvena rada na 2700 stranica, na što smo obojica iznimno ponosni.

Ne manje važno, susreti naših dviju obitelji sežu od sredine 70-tih. Među brojnim zajedničkim druženjima, izletima i proslavama, spada i proslava Slobodanovog doktorata u restoranu Ankora na Vruljici gdje smo bili sa suprugama i s djecom. Naš najmlađi sin je s njihovim Branimirom sjedio u istoj klupi u osnovnoj školi, a i violinu su zajedno učili u glazbenoj školi kod profesora Petra Vrbančića. Tih smo se godina, prije interneta i mobitela, istinski družili i veselili svakom susretu. Prepričavale su se zgode s različitih arheoloških istraživanja u čemu je Slobodan prednjačio; u slikovitosti njegovog pripovijedanja uživali su i najmlađi.

Godine su prolazile, prošao je i Domovinski rat, djeca su odrasla i razišla se od Dubrovnika, Zablaća, Zadra, Zagreba do Berlina. Pristigle su i bolesti, i smrt naše Ives, Slobodanove supruge. Ali unatoč svim životnim rastancima, tegobama i razdvojenosti ostaje spoznaja da nas vežu mnogi lijepi trenuci i uspomene, nadasve toplo i iskreno prijateljstvo.

numerous shared moments there is the celebration upon gaining his doctoral degree in Ankora, the restaurant in Vruljica, Zadar, with our wives and children. Our youngest son and their Branimir shared not only the same desk in the primary school classes but were taught violin at Music school by the same teacher, professor Petar Vrbančić. In those years, before the age of cell-phones and Internet, we would spend real quality time together and look forward to new encounters. Slobodan was great in telling anecdotes from various digs. Even the youngest ones loved his vivid way of storytelling.

The years passed by, the Homeland War as well, our children went their own ways, from Dubrovnik to Zablaće, Zadar, Zagreb and Berlin. Ailments came along, and the death of our dear Ives, Slobodan's wife. But all the life's farewells, hardships and separations cannot affect our memories of one beautiful and true friendship and the great moments spent together.

**Ivo Fadić**