

In memoriam

Prof. dr. GISBERT KREKELER
1941. – 2007.

Nije lako kada vam stigne obavijest da je umro vaš dragi prijatelj, kolega, veliki znalac u području dentalne implantologije i to čujete na skupu implantologa u Salzburgu. To se dogodilo u prosincu baš nama iz Zagreba, a prof. dr. Krekeler bio je gost-profesor našeg fakulteta od godine 1997. No, bio je i više od toga - bio je prijatelj koji je svakoga rado pozvao na Sveučilišnu kliniku za stomatologiju i Stomatološki fakultet Albert Ludwig u Freiburgu, gdje je djelovao od godine 1966. sve do posljednjega dana - 29. studenoga 2007. Nikada nećemo zaboraviti da smo 21. studenoga 1997. zajedno organizirali prvi tečaj dentalne implantologije u Hrvatskoj u predavaonici Kliničke bolnice Dubrava na kojem je bilo 350 doktora stomatologije. Uvijek kada smo ga pozvali, unatoč velikim obvezama diljem svijeta, odazvao se i održao zanimljiva predavanja iz dentalne implantologije. Treba istaknuti da je bio specijalist oralne kirurgije i parodontologije te jedan od osnivača ITI-ja (International Team for Implantologie) Straumannova instituta, ali i stručnjak koji je do posljednjeg dana radio na poboljšanju sustava. Do godine 2004. bio je predsjednik Povjerenstva za razvoj u navedenom institutu, pa je tako proglašen godine 2006. počasnim članom ITI-ja.

Godine 2005. održao je predavanje na Prvom kongresu Hrvatskoga društva za dentalnu implantologiju HLZ-a u Poreču, i tada je proglašen njegovim počasnim članom. To je volio isticati u svojem životopisu, što potvrđuje i pismo koje smo nakon njegove smrti primili od njegove obitelji.

Njegovu znanstvenu djelatnost možemo upoznati iz više od 240 publikacija i više od 1000 predavanja u domovini i diljem svijeta. Tu je i suradnja u nizu udžbenika iz područja oralne kirurgije, implantologije i parodontologije, a svi su doživjeli mnoga izdanja na svim svjetskim jezicima, čak i japanskome.

Tijekom rada zanimao se i za poboljšanje položaja svih stomatologa i to dok je bio predsjednik Stomatološke komore i voditelj trajne izobrazbe Južnog Badena. Posljednjih je godina bio i gost-profesor na Dunavskom sveučilištu u Kremsu (Austrija), dakle, u ustanovi koja omogućuje daljnje usavršavanje doktora stomatologije koji nisu mogli realizirati specijalizacije. Svi koji su slušali njegova predavanja na njemačkome mogli su upoznati pravog erudita i vrlo obrazovanog nastavnika. Rado je spominjao svoje početno obrazovanje u sjemeništu, bio je znalac u književnosti i slikarstvu. Prigodom njegova boravka u našem glavnom gradu, tijekom posjeta Muzeju grada Zagreba bili smo iznenađeni koliko dobro poznaje našu povijest.

Nekoliko dana prije smrti napisao nam je pismo u kojem je ponudio suradnju za ovu godinu i istaknuo kako ima još mnogo, mnogo planova. Vjerujemo da je imao volju, ali izdalo ga je zdravlje. Umro je iznenada u zrakoplovnoj luci na putu prema novim izazovima...

Izgubili smo stručnjaka, znanstvenika i prijatelja koji je volio Hrvatsku i u svakoj je prigodi promovirao naš fakultet.

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It was with heavy hearts that we learned of our dear friend's demise. He was our colleague, he possessed great knowledge in the field of dental implantology, and his passing away actually occurred en route to an implantology course in Salzburg last December. This happened to us, from Zagreb. Professor Krekeler had been our Dental school's guest since 1997, but he was much more than that...he was a friend who gladly hosted everyone at the Albert Ludwig University Dental Clinic in Freiburg, where he had worked since 1966 up until his last day November 29th, 2007. We will never forget the day of November 21st, 1997 when we held the first dental implantology course in Croatia, attended by 350 dentists. He also came

when invited, despite his worldwide commitments and responsibilities, and always gave interesting lectures in dental implantology. It should be noted that he specialized in oral surgery and periodontology, and that he was a founding member of the ITI (International Team for Implantology) - the Straumann Institute, and also an expert who worked on system improvement until his final day. He was Chairman of the ITI Development Committee until 2004, and was awarded ITI honorary membership in 2006.

In 2005 he gave a lecture at the 1st congress of the Croatian Society for Dental Implantology, which was held in Poreč, and on that occasion he was named honorary member of the Society. He liked to emphasize this fact in his biography, which is evident in the letter we received from his family upon his death.

We can get to know his scientific activity through over 240 published scientific papers and more than 1000 lectured in his homeland and worldwide. This includes participation in the preparation of textbooks on oral surgery, implantology and periodontology, all of which were reprinted over and over again in all major world languages, even Japanese.

During his career he showed interest in improving all dentists' status while he acted as President of the Chamber of Dental physicians and as the Director of Continuing education in South Baden. He spent the final years of his life performing as a guest Professor at Danube University Krems (Austria), which is an institution offering continuing education for dentists through postdoctoral studies, especially attractive to those dentists who didn't succeed at finding placement in specialty programs. Those who were fortunate enough to have followed his lectures in German became acquainted with a true erudite, a connoisseur of literature and painting. During his stay in Zagreb we visited the Museum of City of Zagreb, and were surprised at his knowledge about the history of the area we live in.

Just a few days prior to his passing away, he wrote us a letter in which he offered his cooperation for this year and mentioned that he still had many, many plans. We believe that he had the will, but his health betrayed him. He died suddenly at the airport on the way to new challenges...

We lost an expert, a scientist and a friend who loved Croatia and promoted our Dental School at every opportunity.