

In memoriam

Vera Folnegović-Šmalc

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Profesorica Vera Folnegović-Šmalc rođena je 1943. godine u Eminovcima u Slavoniji, a osnovnu i srednju školu završila je u Požegi. Na Medicinskom fakultetu Sveučilišta u Zagrebu diplomirala je 1968. godine. Obavezni liječnički staž obavila je tijekom 1969. godine u Medicinskom centru Sisak. Specijalizaciju iz neuropsihijatrije obavila je od 1971. -1975. u Medicinskom centru Varaždin i Psihijatrijskoj bolnici Vrapče. Poslijediplomski studij iz javnog zdravstva i epidemiologije završila je 1977. godine. Magistar znanosti postala je 1978. godine, a doktorirala je na Medicinskom fakultetu Sveučilišta u Zagrebu 1979. Naziv Primarius stekla je 1987. godine. Potom slijedi razvoj njezine izvanredne karijere sveučilišnog nastavnika. Godine 2004. postaje redoviti profesor u trajnom zvanju. Imala je dvije subspecializacije: subspecializaciju iz biologijske psihijatrije i iz forenzičke psihijatrije. I u jednom i u drugom području postigla je vrhunske rezultate. Iako se još za vrijeme studentskih dana uključila u znanstveno istraživački rad u duži je uvijek bila kliničar, voljela je pomagati pacijentima i bavila se u stvari translacijskom znanosti, zanimala su je primjenjive spoznaje. Zahvaljujući prof. Folnegović u Klinici za psihijatriju Vrapče brojni inovativni pristupi u psihofarmakoterapiji bili su bez odgode dostupni našoj populaciji bolesnika, pa su tako brojni današnji standardni lijekovi kliničkim

Professor Vera Folnegović-Šmalc was born in 1943 in Eminovci in the region of Slavonia, and completed primary and secondary school in the town of Požega. She graduated from the University of Zagreb Medical School in 1968. She completed her medical internship in 1969 at the Sisak Medical Center. Between 1971-1975, she finished her residency in neuropsychiatry at the Varaždin Medical Center and the Vrapče Psychiatric Hospital. She completed a postgraduate course in public health and epidemiology in 1977. She became a Master of Science in 1978 and received her PhD at the University of Zagreb Medical School in 1979. She became a chief physician in 1987. This was followed by the development of her outstanding career as a university professor. In 2004 she became a tenured full professor. She had two subspecializations: in biological psychiatry and in forensic psychiatry. She achieved outstanding results in both fields. Although she had already engaged in scientific research as a student, she was always a clinician at heart who loved helping patients and focused on translational science, as she was primarily interested in applied knowledge. Thanks to Prof. Folnegović, numerous innovative psychopharmaceutical approaches became available to our patient population at the University Psychiatric Hospital Vrapče without delays, and as a result many medications that are the standard today were available to those in need via clinical studies up to 5-10 years earlier.

studijama bili dostupni potrebitima i 5-10 godina ranije.

U forenzici je, osim činjenice da je bila dugogodišnji član Odbora za sudbena mišljenja Medicinskog fakulteta gdje je sudjelovala u izradi najsloženijih psihijatrijskih ekspertiza, svakako značajno za istaknuti da je u više navrata bila pozivana da vještači za potrebe Haškog tribunala.

Prof. Vera Folnegović-Šmalc bila je istaknuti predavač, znala se prilagoditi slušačima bilo da se radi o studentima medicine, specijalizantima, polaznicima doktorskih studija, kolegama drugih struka ili kolegama iz područja. Izrazito je značajna za razvoj edukacije iz psihijatrije u domovini Hrvatskoj. Osim na Medicinskom fakultetu u Zagrebu bila je predavač predmeta Psihijatrija i na studiju psihologije Filozofskog fakulteta i na Edukacijsko rehabilitacijskom fakultetu Sveučilišta u Zagrebu, te na medicinskim fakultetima u Rijeci i Osijeku. Na poslijediplomskom studiju na Medicinskom fakultetu u Zagrebu bila je predavač većeg broja kolegija: Socijalna psihijatrija, Forenzička psihijatrija, Farmakoterapija, Epidemiologija, te je bila mentor u većem broju magisterija i doktorata na Sveučilištima u Zagrebu i Rijeci.

Sudjelovala je kao istraživač ili kao voditelj u četrdesetak domaćih i međunarodnih istraživačkih projekata. Od toga sudjelovala je u tri projekta financirana od vlade SAD koji su pridonijeli publiciranju radova u međunarodnim publikacijama o prevalenciji i konstantnosti incidencije shizofrenije. Aktivno je sudjelovala u američko-hrvatskoj kolaboraciji istraživanja genetike shizofrenije, te je radi toga boravila na *Columbia University* u New Yorku i *John Hopkins University* u Baltimoru, SAD.

Znanstveni projekti vezani za događanja u Domovinskom ratu rezultirali su sa četiri monografije na hrvatskom i engleskom jeziku, te jednim poglavljem u udžbeniku psihijatrije

In the field of forensics, other than the fact that she was a long-time member of the Committee for Court Opinions of the Medical School where she participated in the creation of the most complex psychiatric evaluations, it is certainly important to note that she was invited multiple times to provide an expert opinion for the Hague Tribunal.

Prof. Vera Folnegović-Šmalc was a distinguished lecturer who knew how to adapt to her listeners, whether they were medical students, medical residents, postgraduate students, colleagues from other fields, or colleagues from her own field. She was instrumental in the development of psychiatric education in the Republic of Croatia. Other than at the Medical School in Zagreb, she was also a lecturer for the Psychiatry course at the Psychology Department of the Faculty of Philosophy and the University of Zagreb Faculty of Education and Rehabilitation Sciences as well as the medical schools in Rijeka and Osijek. At the postgraduate course at the Zagreb Medical School, she taught a number of courses: Social Psychiatry, Forensic Psychiatry, Pharmacotherapy, and Epidemiology, in addition to mentoring a large number of master and doctorate theses at the universities in Zagreb and Rijeka.

She participated as researcher or project head in about of about forty Croatian and international research projects. Of these, three were financed by the US government and contributed to the publication of articles on the prevalence and incidence constant for schizophrenia in international journals. She actively participated in the Croatian-American collaboration on researching into the genetics of schizophrenia, which included spending time at *Columbia University* in New York and *John Hopkins University* in Baltimore, USA.

Various scientific projects she undertook related to the events of the Croatian Homeland War resulted in four monographies in Croatian and English and a chapter in the psychiatric handbook of the European Union (in English and

Europske zajednice (na engleskom i njemačkom jeziku). Bila je plodan autor, pisala je s lakoćom. Objavila je preko 350 stručnih i znanstvenih radova u domaćim i svjetskim časopisima, zbornicima i udžbenicima, uz veliki broj citata. Bila je koautor, suurednik i urednik 9 udžbenika, priručnika ili stručnih knjiga iz psihijatrije. Bila je glavni urednik hrvatskog prijevoda DSM-IV (1996. godine) i MKB-10 (1999. godine).

Na Komemoraciji koja je održana u Klinici za psihijatriju Vrapče dekan Medicinskog fakulteta u Zagrebu prof. dr. sc. Marijan Klarica, posebno je istaknuo da je prof. Folnegović aktivno sudjelovala s projektima i prijedlozima dugoročnog programa Hrvatskog instituta za istraživanje mozga Medicinskog fakulteta Sveučilišta u Zagrebu od samog osnivanja 1990. godine. Imala je svoje istraživačke projekte u okviru inicijativnog programa Neurobiološke osnove duševnih i kognitivnih bolesti, kao i programa Neurofarmakologija. Nakon osnivanja Hrvatskog instituta za mozak osmišljeni su programi, te je prof. Vera Folnegović-Šmalc bila koordinator u programu «*Neurobiological basis of mental and cognitive disorders*». U sljedećoj fazi dugoročnog programa HIIM-a, prof. Folnegović sudjelovala je u programu Neurobiologija neuroloških i duševnih bolesti s kognitivnim poremećajem s projektom «Funkcionalne psihoze kao nozološki entitet». Prof. Folnegović imala je važnu ulogu u radu Poliklinike Neuron, kćeri-ustanove Medicinskog fakulteta, gdje je bila dugogodišnja predsjednica Upravnog vijeća, a kao psihijatar i istraživač omogućila je da se dio kliničkih ispitivanja odvija preko te ustanove. Posebna zasluga prof. Folnegović jest širenje tema iz područja biološke psihijatrije pri HIIM-u pa su uz nju stasali suradnici koji danas vode međunarodno evaluirane projekte, a koji su izabrani i kao voditelji odsjeka na HIIM-u.

Nadalje, prof. Folnegović sudjelovala je u radu Odjela za informiranje i istraživanje Medi-

German). She was a prolific author who wrote with ease. Prof. Folnegović-Šmalc published over 350 professional and scientific papers in Croatian and international journals, monographies, and handbooks, all of which received a large number of quotations. She was a coauthor, co-editor, and editor of 9 handbooks, guidebooks, or professional books on psychiatry. She was the main editor of the Croatian translation of DSM-IV (in 1996) and ICD-10 (in 1999).

At the Commemoration held at the Vrapče Psychiatry Clinic, Prof. Marijan Klarica, MD, PhD, the dean of the Zagreb Medical School, emphasized that Prof. Folnegović had actively participated in the projects and project proposals of the long-term program of the Croatian Institute for Brain Research of the University of Zagreb Medical School since the institute's foundation in 1990. She also had her own research project as part of the Neurobiological Basis of Mental and Cognitive Diseases initiative program and the Neuropharmacology program. After founding the Croatian Institute for Brain Research and the creation of its research programs, Prof. Folnegović was the coordinator of the Neurobiological Basis of Mental and Cognitive Diseases program. In the next phase of the long-term program of the institute, Prof. Folnegović participated in the Neurobiology of Neurological and Mental Diseases with Cognitive Disorders program with her project titled "Functional Psychoses as Nosological Entities". Prof. Folnegović had an important role in the work of the Neuron Polyclinic, an affiliate institute of the Medical School, where she was a long-time president of the Board of Directors, and as a psychiatrist and researcher she organized part of the clinical testing to take place in that institution. Prof. Folnegović deserves special merit for introducing the topics from biological psychiatry in the Croatian Institute for Brain Research and participating in the maturation of colleagues who now head internationally evaluated projects and who have been chosen to be department heads at the institute.

cinskog fakulteta koji je bio dio Glavnog sanitetskog stožera Republike Hrvatske. U rad tog Odjela bila je uključena od njegovog osnivanja. Bila je zaslužna za koordinaciju psihološke pomoći obiteljima nestalih. Ovaj oblik pomoći kasnije je prerastao u poseban projekt psihološke pomoći obiteljima identificiranih iz grobnice na Ovčari. S obzirom da su identifikacije poginulih na Ovčari bile među prvim identifikacijama posmrtnih ostataka u Domovinskom ratu, prof. Folnegović je svojim znanjem i iskustvom bila od presudne pomoći u svim narednim projektima ove vrste. Također, projekt koji je vodila u suradnji s nizozemskim istraživačima, a vezan za pružanje psihosocijalne pomoći zlostavljanim ženama u ratu, izbjeglicama i prognanicima iz BiH, bio je od iznimne vrijednosti.

U struci je imala mnoge odgovorne funkcije i bila član brojnih nacionalnih i međunarodnih povjerenstava, te većeg broja stručnih društava. Bila je dugogodišnja predsjednica Hrvatskog društva za kliničku psihijatriju Hrvatskog liječničkog zbora i Kolegija psihijatrijskih znanosti Akademije medicinskih znanosti Hrvatske.

Poseban doprinos razvoju psihijatrije dala je kao aktivan sudionik, pozvani predavač niza domaćih i međunarodnih skupova, kao član organizacijskih i stručnih odbora brojnih kongresa i simpozija, sudjelovala je na preko 60 domaćih i inozemnih kongresa i simpozija.

Njezina potpuna posvećenost struci, kliničkom radu, znanosti i medicinskoj edukaciji rezultirala je velikim i značajnim opusom u području psihijatrije. Iznimno je dugačak popis njezinih znanstvenih i stručnih radova, udžbenika i priručnika koji su svojom kvalitetom i relevantnošću bitno utjecali na odgoj naraštaja studenata medicine, a i danas utječu na školovanje specijalizanata i doktora biomedicinskih znanosti, te budućih nastavnika Medicinskog fakulteta poglavito iz područja psihijatrije.

Furthermore, Prof. Folnegović participated in the work of the Department for Information and Research at the Zagreb Medical School, which was part of the Main Medical Headquarters of the Republic of Croatia. She was a part of that department from its foundation, and was tasked with coordinating psychological assistance for the families of missing persons. This form of assistance later grew into a special project of psychological assistance to families of identified victims from the Ovčara mass grave. Given that the victims from Ovčara were among the first victims of the Homeland War identified forensically from their remains, the expertise and experience contributed by Prof. Folnegović was of crucial value in all later projects of this type. Additionally, she also headed a project in cooperation with Dutch researchers that was related to providing psychosocial assistance to women molested in war and refugees from Bosnia and Herzegovina and was also exceptionally valuable.

Prof. Folnegović held many highly responsible functions in her field of work and was a member of numerous Croatian and international committees as well as a large number of professional societies. For many years, she was the president of the Croatian Society for Clinical Psychiatry of the Croatian Physicians Association and the Collegium of Psychiatric Sciences of the Croatian Academy of Medical Sciences.

She provided an outstanding contribution to the development of psychiatry as an active participant and invited lecturer at many Croatian and international conferences, as a member of organization and expert panels at many congresses and symposia, and through participation in over 60 Croatian and international congresses and symposia.

Her total devotion to her profession, clinical work, science, and medical education resulted in a large and significant opus in the field of psychiatry. The list of her professional and scientific articles, handbooks, and guidebooks is extremely long. Their quality and relevance

Prof. Folnegović bila je prisutna u medijima gotovo na dnevnoj bazi, kamera ju je voljela, znala je približiti psihijatrijsku problematiku laicima, sudjelovala je u velikom broju TV i radio emisija u kojima je popularizirala struku, autor je više od 60 članaka u novinama o psihijatriji. Na taj način znatno je doprinijela destigmatizaciji psihijatrije, ali i Bolnice Vrapče.

Iza izvanrednog sveučilišnih nastavnika, kliničara koji ostavljaju trajan trag u struci i znanosti kao što je bila naša profesorica, ostaju stručni i znanstveni radovi, ali i učenici koji nastavljaju njezin rad. Profesorica je uvijek bila okružena velikim brojem mlađih kolega, koji su danas mahom ugledni stručnjaci, na istaknutim, šefovskim i sličnim odgovornim pozicijama, unutar Bolnice, ali i diljem Hrvatske. Na svima nama je sada težak zadatak, letvicu je profesorica visoko postavila. Hvala profesorici Veri Folnegović-Šmalc na svemu što nam je dala, na svemu što nas je naučila. Ostat će trajno u srcima nas koji smo je poznavali i koji smo s njom surađivali, a njezino ime ostat će upisano zlatnim slovima u povijesti stoljetnog Medicinskog fakulteta Sveučilišta u Zagrebu i u 140-godišnjoj povijesti Bolnice Vrapče.

Profesorica Vera Folnegović-Šmalc preminula je 1. siječnja 2020., a njezinom smrću Medicinski fakultet Sveučilišta u Zagrebu izgubio je iznimnog nastavnika i znanstvenika koji je bitno utjecao i pridonio ugledu zagrebačkog Medicinskog fakulteta, ne samo u domovini već i u Europi i svijetu. Klinika za psihijatriju Vrapče, kao stožerna psihijatrijska ustanova i dio Medicinskog fakulteta odnosno nastavna baza Medicinskog fakulteta, ponosna je i zahvalna da je prof. Folnegović upravo tu provela 37 godina rada.

Po čemu ću osobno pamtiti profesoricu Folnegović - sigurno po veselom duhu, silnoj energiji i predanosti poslu. Oko sebe je širila pozitivnu energiju, bila je neumorna i puna elana, a dan joj je uvijek bio prekratak. Njena avangardnost

significantly influenced the education of many generations of medical students, and they still contribute to the education of residents and post-graduate students in biomedical sciences as well as future teachers at the Medical School, especially in the field of psychiatry.

Prof. Folnegović was present in the media almost on a daily basis, the camera loved her, and she knew how to make psychiatric issues approachable to the general public; she participated in a large number of television and radio shows in which she popularized her field, and she authored over 60 newspaper articles on psychiatry. In this way, she significantly contributed to the destigmatization of psychiatry as well as the Vrapče Hospital.

The legacy of excellent university teachers and clinicians that leave a lasting mark on their profession such as our professor is in their professional and scientific work, but also in her students who continue her work today. The professor was always surrounded by many younger colleagues who subsequently became respected experts in prominent supervisor and other positions of responsibility within our hospital but also around Croatia as a whole. All of us now face a difficult challenge, for the professor has set the bar very high. We would like to thank Professor Vera Folnegović-Šmalc for everything she has given us and everything she has taught us. She will remain in the hearts and minds of all of us who knew her and worked with her, and her name will be written in gold lettering in the hundred-year history of the University of Zagreb Medical School and the 140 years of the Vrapče Hospital.

Professor Vera Folnegović-Šmalc died on January 1, 2020, and with her death the University of Zagreb Medical School lost an exceptional lecturer and scientist who significantly influenced and contributed to the reputation of the Zagreb Medical school, not only in Croatia but in Europe and across the globe. The Vrapče Psychiatry Clinic, as the psychiatric headquarters and part of the Medical School as is its teaching

očitovala se u mnogočemu, nisu ju bez razloga zvali «prva dama hrvatske psihijatrije». Naime, vinula se do samog vrha i utrla put drugim kolegicama. Bila je međunarodno eksponirana u brojnim aktivnostima kao što su psihološka podrška izbjeglicama, prognanicima, zlostavljanim i silovanim ženama, u kliničkim ispitivanjima lijekova, u zapaženim publikacijama i prezentacijama na skupovima, a pri čemu je uvijek s ponosom promovirala Psihijatrijsku bolnicu Vrapče.

Što se tiče publikacija, profesorica će biti upamćena i po dva tematska broja časopisa Socijalne psihijatrije u kojima je objavila svoja istraživanja o shizofreniji. Značajnim smatram njeno poglavlje u tro-tomnom udžbeniku psihijatrije, prestižnog njemačkog izdavača Springer. Također i poglavlje psihijatrije u knjizi «Interna medicina u praksi» koje je značajno približilo psihijatrijsku tematiku i ohrabrilu obiteljske liječnike u liječenju psihijatrijske kazuistike. U kasnim 80-ima i početkom 90-ih godina prošlog stoljeća, u doba kada su psihijatri s ovih prostora rijetko publicirali u međunarodnim stručnim časopisima, pamtim da je profesorica objavljivala svoja istraživanja o epidemiologiji shizofrenije u utjecajnom časopisu *British Journal of Psychiatry*, To je dakako bilo poticajno za mnoge mlade koje je oko sebe okupljala. Poticala je mlade kolege da pišu i aktivno sudjeluju na stručnim skupovima, a isto se najbolje može vidjeti u Knjizi postera stručnjaka Psihijatrijske bolnice Vrapče gdje se profesorica bilježi kao koautor najvećeg broja postera u razdoblju od 1978. do 2006. godine. Nadalje, nitko nikada u Hrvatskoj nije vodio toliko kliničkih studija psihofarmaka, s tolikim brojem participanata, te nitko u nas nije sudjelovao u stavljanju na tržište toliko novoregistriranih psihofarmaka kao prof. Folnegović-Šmalc. Posljedično tome, sjećam se također dva FDA posjeta našem Kliničkom centru u Vrapču, kada se potvrdila kvaliteta sakupljenih poda-

base, is proud and grateful that Prof. Folnegović spent 37 years of her career as part of it.

How will I personally remember Prof. Folnegović – surely for her cheerful spirit, boundless energy, and dedication to her work. She always spread positive energy around her, was tireless and driven, and days were always too short for her. Her avantgarde style manifested in many ways, and there was a reason she was called “the first lady of Croatian psychiatry”. She had risen to the very top and paved the way for her other colleagues. She had an international presence in many activities such as psychological support for refugees, survivors of rape and abuse, clinical testing of drugs, and through notable publications and conference presentations in which she always proudly promoted the Vrapče Psychiatric hospital.

As for publications, the professor will also be remembered for two thematic issues of the *Social Psychiatry* journal in which she published her research on schizophrenia. I consider her chapter in the three-volume psychiatry handbook by Springer, the prestigious German publisher, to be very significant. The chapter on psychiatry in the book “Internal Medicine in Practice” also significantly contributed to making psychiatry more approachable to family doctors and encouraging them in the treatment of psychiatric casuistry. In the late 80s and start of the 90s, when psychiatrists in this region rarely published in international journals, I can remember the professor was publishing her research on the epidemiology of schizophrenia in the influential *British Journal of Psychiatry*. This was of course inspiring for the many young colleagues she would gather around her. She would encourage them to write and actively participate and professional conferences, which can be seen in the Book of Posters of the Vrapče Psychiatry Hospital, where the professor is a coauthor on the largest number of posters in the period between 1978 and 2006. Furthermore, no one in Croatia

taka, a što je u konačnici rezultiralo registracijom dvaju danas standardnih antipsihotika. Imao sam prigodu pročitati i *mailove* koji su naknadno uslijedili, a u kojima joj predstavnici jedne velike američke farmaceutske tvrtke zahvaljuju na izvrsnom radu u kliničkim studijama te navode da se time Hrvatska visoko pozicionirala na svjetskoj karti istraživanja inovativnih lijekova u psihijatrijskim indikacijama. Pamtim i odlaske na prestižne zimske radionice o shizofreniji u švicarski Davos, gdje smo mi njeni suradnici, u to doba mladi istraživači i specijalizanti, dobili više nagrada za prezentirane postere. U živom sjećanju su mi profesoričina putovanja tijekom ratnih godina na kongrese u Badgastein, Regensburg, Innsbruck, Pulu, Štokholm, Firencu, odnosno svugdje gdje je trebalo promicati hrvatsku psihijatriju, hrvatske interese i istinu o Hrvatskoj.

Naša draga profesorica Folnegović zasigurno sve rečeno ne bi mogla postići da nije imala veliku podršku svoje obitelji, u prvom redu supruga Zdenka, koji je kao metodičar bio i koautor brojnih radova. Profesorica je često spominjala svoje kćeri Ernu i Petru, zetove Vladu i Sašu, a poglavito je bila ponosna na svoje petero unučadi Martu, Jakova, Vjeru, Saru i Martina pritom žaleći što nije u mogućnosti s njima provoditi više vremena.

Dozvolite da kao njen učenik, mlađi kolega, suradnik i nasljednik funkcije pročelnika Zavoda i predstojnika Klinike za psihijatriju Vrapče, ustvrdim da je prof. Folnegović od svega što je radila, u stvari najviše voljela (pa ako hoćete i stavljala na prvo mjesto) - rad s psihijatrijskim pacijentima, pomaganje svim potrebitima, uključivo oboljelim braniteljima. Iako po vokaciji i edukaciji biološki psihijatar, znala je da lijek sam po sebi nije dovoljan, stoga je za svakog bolesnika imala toplu riječ ohrabrenja, stručni savjet, empatiju, davala je nadu, svojim vedrim duhom svakodnevno je prakticirala pozitivnu psihijatriju - po tome će je pamtili

ever conducted so many clinical psychopharmacological trials with such a large number of patients, and none of us ever participated in placing so many newly registered psychopharmacological medications on the market as Prof. Folnegović-Šmalc. Consequently, I also remember two FDA visits to our clinical center in Vrapče which confirmed the quality of the data we had gathered, ultimately resulting in the registration of two now standard antipsychotics. I also had the opportunity to read the email exchange that followed, in which representatives of a large American pharmaceutical company thanked us for excellent work in clinical studies, saying that it had secured a prominent position for Croatia on the global map for the exploration of innovative medication for psychiatric indications. I also remember trips to prestigious winter workshops on schizophrenia in Davos in Switzerland, where we, the professor's collaborators and young researchers and residents at the time, received multiple awards for the posters we presented. I still have a vivid memory of the professor's wartime trips to congresses in Badgastein, Regensburg, Innsbruck, Pula, Stockholm, Florence, or anywhere where we could promote Croatian psychiatry, Croatian interests, and the truth about Croatia.

Our dear Professor Folnegović certainly could not have achieved all this without the great support of her family, firstly her husband Zdenko, who coauthored many of her papers as an expert in methodology. The professor often mentioned her daughters Erna and Petra, sons-in-law Vlado and Saša, and was especially proud of her five grandchildren Marta, Jakov, Vjera, Sara, and Martin, always regretting she could not spend more time with them.

As her student, younger colleague, collaborator, and successor as to the position as head of the Department and head of University Psychiatric Hospital Vrapče, allow me to claim that among all the things she did, what Prof. Folnegović really loved the most (and always put

kolege, medicinske sestre, stručni suradnici, svi zaposlenici Vrapča, njeni pacijenti i njihove obitelji.

Neka joj je laka hrvatska zemlja koju je toliko voljela!

Vječna slava i hvala profesorici Veri Folnegović-Šmalc!

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first, if you will) – was working with psychiatric patients and helping those in need, including war veterans. Although she was an biological psychiatrist by vocation and education, she knew medications alone were not enough, so she had a warm word of encouragement, expert advice, and empathy for every patient, providing hope and practicing positive psychiatry every day with her cheerful spirit – this is what we, her colleagues, collaborators, nurses, all the employees of Vrapče Hospital, her patients, and their families, will remember her by.

May our Croatian soil which she loved so dearly rest lightly on her!

Everlasting praise and thanks to Professor Vera Folnegović-Šmalc!

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