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Professor ZVONKO POJE, 1934 – 2020

This year, on October 13 we lost a retired professor of the Department of Orthodontics, Zvonko Poje. He spent almost his whole career at the School of Dental Medicine in Zagreb.

Zvonko Poje was born on February 25, 1934 in Podplana, Kočevje (Slovenia). He finished primary school on Čabar and Kočevje, and then went on to the school for dental technicians in Zagreb, which he finished in 1954. In 1959 he enrolled the School of Dental Medicine in Zagreb, from which he graduated in 1964. After graduation, he started working at the Department of Dental Pathology, but in 1968 he transferred to the Department of Orthodontics, where he worked until retirement. He finished postgraduate studies in orthodontics in 1972.

He was elected nominal assistant professor in 1974, full assistant professor in 1978, associate professor in 1982, and full professor in 1987. In 1984 he obtained the title "primarius". He finished his PhD in 1976.

As a grantee of the Danish government, he spent some time in Copenhagen and Aarhus in 1970 and 1973, when he worked under the supervision of some of the greatest names of Nordic and world's orthodontics, Arne Björk, Beni Solow, Vibeke Skielær and others. During these visits he learned about fixed orthodontics and cleft patients, so he founded, after he returned in 1973 the first orthodontic office for fixed orthodontics in which he taught about Scandinavia system and Headgear. Not only did he introduce the fixed orthodontics in everyday practice, he greatly contributed to the multidisciplinary treatment of cleft patients. As only orthodontist, he became a member of the consilium, for clefts at the Clinic of Maxillofacial Surgery at the School of Medicine in Zagreb, Clinic for Ear, Nose and Throat and Children's Clinic in Zagreb. He also started the cooperation with Professor Oblak from the Department of Cheliognathopalatoschises at the Maxillofacial Clinic of the School of Medicine in Ljubljana, Slovenia. This cooperation was an important point for the exchange of the knowledge and yielded a significant contribution for the development of cleft therapy in Croatia, especially in the means of centralized treatment, as in the Nordic countries.

He published numerous scientific and professional papers, and authored a chapter of the book "Orthodontic Appliances" titled "Fixed orthodontic appliances". He published 6 scripts for postgraduate students in orthodontics, his paperback edition titled "Bionator" being obligatory examination material for postgraduate courses. Professor Poje was instrumental in the spread of bionator use in Croatia. After he returned from Denmark, he organized a three-day course on bionators ("Bionators – theory and practice") at the School of Dental Medicine in Zagreb – the rest is history. He was a research assistant on a project funded by the Ministry of Science, Education and Sports titled "Characteristics of craniofacial complex in gonade disgenesis". He was a mentor to many generations of orthodontists; he was a member of the examination committee for orthodontics and pedodontics. Professor Poje was a member of the Croatian Academy of Medical Sciences since 1997, member of the Croatian Orthodontic Society, Slovenian Orthodontic Society, and even president of the Orthodontic Section of the Croatian Medical Association in one mandate. From 1995 until retirement in 2000 he was head of the Clinical Department of Orthodontics of the Dental Clinic of the Clinical Hospital Center Zagreb. Since 1996 he was a visiting professor at the School of Dental Medicine in Ljubljana, Slovenia.

Professor Poje was an excellent professional, and he will be remembered as the "genius of bending"; he loved to bend the wire, it "obeyed" him, constantly finding new elements. Generations of orthodontists remember his labioincisal and retroincisal arches that finished up his rich career just before retirement. After retiring, he never settled, Professor Poje worked almost until the last day of his life – Professor, rest in peace now!

Prof.dr.sc. ZVONKO POJE, 1934. – 2020.



Ove godine, 13. listopada, napustio nas je umirovljeni profesor Zavoda za ortodontiju Zvonko Poje. Gotovo cijeli svoj radni vijek, do 2000. godine kada je otišao u mirovinu, proveo je na Stomatološkom fakultetu u Zagrebu.

Prof. dr. sc. Zvonko Poje rođen je 25. veljače 1934. u Podplani, Kočevje. Osnovnu školu pohađao je u Čabru i Kočevju, a srednju zubotehničku školu završio u 1954. godine u Zagrebu. Stomatološki fakultet u Zagrebu upisao je 1959. godine, a diplomirao 1964. Nakon diplome zaposlio se na Stomatološkom fakultetu, najprije kao asistent u Zavodu za dentalnu patologiju, a 1968. prešao je u Zavod za ortodontiju gdje je radio do umirovljenja. Specijalistički ispit iz ortodontije položio je 1972. godine.

U zvanje naslovnog docenta izabran je 1974. godine, u redovitog docenta 1978., izvanrednog profesora 1982., redovitog profesora 1987., a 1984. godine stekao je zvanje primariusa. Doktorirao je 1976. godine.

Kao stipendist danske vlade boravio je 1970. na usavršavanju u Kopenhagenu te 1973. u Kopenhagenu i Århusu gdje je radio pod mentorstvom velikih imena nordijske i svjetske ortodontije kao što su Arne Björk, Beni Solow, Vibeke Skielær i drugi. Tijekom tih boravaka educirao se u provođenju terapije fiksnim ortodontskim napravama i u terapiji pacijenata s rascjepima, pa nakon povratka 1973. godine osniva prvu ambulantu za fiksnu ortodontiju na području bivše Jugoslavije i održava tečajeve o skandinavskom sustav i headgearu za specijalizante i specijaliste ortodontije. Uz to što je terapiju fiksnim ortodontskim napravama uveo u svakodnevnu kliničku praksu, velike zasluge ima i u uvođenju multidisciplinarnog pristupa u terapiju pacijenata s rascjepom. Kao jedini specijalist ortodontije postao je konzilijarni liječnik za rascjepe na Klinici za maksilofacijalnu kirurgiju Medicinskog fakulteta Sveučilišta u Zagrebu, na Klinici za otorinolaringologiju Medicinskog fakulteta te Klinici za dječje bolesti. Uspostavio je i suradnju s profesorom Oblakom s Odjela za heliognathopalatoshize pri Čeljusnoj kirurgiji Medicinskog fakulteta Sveučilišta u Ljubljani. Takva suradnja i razmjena znanja i iskustava značajno je pridonijela bitnom preokretu u terapiji rascjepa u Hrvatskoj u smislu centralizacije prema uzoru na skandinavske zemlje.

Autor je velikog broja znanstvenih i stručnih radova, a u sveučilišnom udžbeniku *Ortodontske naprave* napisao je poglavlje *Fiksne ortodontske naprave*. Također je autor šest skripata, a skripta *Bionator* dugo je bila ispitno štivo specijalizantima ortodontije. Upravo je profesor Poje zaslužan za početak upotrebe bionatora u Hrvatskoj. Naime, nakon povratka iz Danske na fakultetu je organizirao tečaj *Bionator – teorija i praksa*, koji je trajao tri dana. Sve ostalo je povijest. Kao istraživač sudjelovao je na projektu MZOŠ-a: *Osobitosti kraniofacijalnog kompleksa kod gonadne disgeneze*. Studentima diplomske nastave držao je predavanja i vježbe za koje je volio izradivati nastavna pomagala, a na poslijediplomski studij uveo je novi kolegij *Biomehanički principi fiksnih ortodontskih naprava* kojemu je bio i voditelj. Generacijama specijalizanata bio je mentor, bio je i član ispitnog povjerenstva na specijalističkim ispitima iz Ortodontije i Dječje i preventivne dentalne medicine. Bio je član Hrvatske akademije medicinskih znanosti od 1997. godine, zatim Hrvatskoga ortodontskog društva i Slovenskoga ortodontskog društva, a u jednom mandatu obnašao je dužnost predsjednika Ortodontske sekcije Zbora liječnika Hrvatske. Od 1995. godine pa sve do umirovljenja 2000. bio je pročelnik Kliničkoga zavoda za ortodontiju Klinike za stomatologiju KBC-a Zagreb. Od 1996. godine bio je gost profesor na Stomatološkom fakultetu Sveučilišta u Ljubljani.

Professor Poje bio je vrhunski stručnjak, a mnogi ga pamte kao *virtuoza savijanja* – volio je savijati žicu, žica ga je *slušala*, stalno je smišljao nove elemente. Generacije specijalizanata pamtit će njegove labioincizivne i retroincizivne lukove s kojima je zaključio svoju bogatu karijeru neposredno prije odlaska u mirovinu. Ni u mirovini nije mirovao, radio je gotovo do posljednjeg dana svojega života – profesore, počivajte sada u miru!

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