

## In memoriam

**Prof. dr. sc. ZORAN AZINović**  
1944. – 2008.

Prof.dr.sc. Zoran Azinović, izvanredni profesor kolegija Endodoncije, Restaurativne stomatologije i Karijesologije, viši znanstveni savjetnik Stomatološkog fakulteta u Zagrebu, specijalist dentalne i oralne patologije s parodontologijom te primarius Stomatološke klinike KBC-a u Zagrebu, rođen je u Konjicu 25. kolovoza 1944. Dugačka rečenica, mnoštvo podataka, a možda je najvažniji taj da je tada počeo jedan život. Život koji je rastao, stasao, ostavio trag i na tom se putu ugasio kao što su se ugasili i svi prije, kao što će se ugasiti i svi poslije njega. Da, ugasio se prerano. Gospodin Zoran Azinović, osebujan čovjek, vedre naravi, uvijek spreman pomoći, učitelj i mentor mnogobrojnih studenata Stomatološkog fakulteta u Zagrebu. Nakon što je diplomirao godine 1968. na tom istom fakultetu, 1970. počeo je svoju nastavnu, stručnu i znanstvenu karijeru kao sveučilišni asistent na Zavodu za dentalnu patologiju. Specijalistički ispit obranio je 1977., a akademski stupanj magistra medicinskih znanosti iz područja stomatologije stekao je 1981. Bavio se istraživanjem učinkovitosti jetkanja cakline i jedan je od pionira na tom području u našoj zemlji. I mnoge je studente zainteresirao i usmjerio u istraživanja tog područja, a među prvima je kod nas radio i SEM istraživanja promjena na tvrdim zubnim tkivima. U to doba trebalo je uložiti veliki trud i znanje u takvu vrstu rada. Uz znanstveni i nastavni rad, prof. dr.sc. Zoran Azinović unaprijedio je struku. Primarius je postao deset godina nakon obranjenog specijalističkog ispita 1977. i svoje je najbolje godine dao pacijentima KBC-a koji su to znali cijeniti. Njegovi su ga pacijenti voljeli i cijenili i uvijek su tražili samo njega. Na vratima bi sestri tiho rekli: „Ja sam od prof. Azinovića, recite mu da sam tu“. Nastavljajući znanstveni rad, doktorat iz istog područja, ali ovaj put o utjecaju fluorida na caklinu, obranio je 1989., a sljedeće je godine stekao zvanje docenta. Izvanredni profesor postao je 1999. i na toj dužnosti bio je do prerane smrti godine 2008.

Prof. Zoran Azinović bio je mentor mnogobrojnim studentima tijekom pripreme diplomskih, magistarskih i doktorskih radova. Bio je voditelj kolegija na posljediplomskom studiju, izrazito zanimljiv i drag predavač. Znao je približiti građu ponekad zbunjenim studentima, olakšati im rad i utješiti kada bi im ruka zadrhtala. Iza njega je ostao bogat znanstveno-stručni opus, mnogi zahvalni studenti i njegova obitelj. Iza toga čovjeka ostala je "ispunjena" praznina. Ostalo je mnogo lijepih i prijateljskih osjećaja ljudi koji su zajedno s njim radili i borili se za boljitak svih nas i struke, ali ostala je i praznina jer znamo da jedan drag čovjek više neće ući u ordinaciju i sa smiješkom pozdraviti kolege i sestre, tiho zauzeti svoje mjesto i dati pacijentima sve od sebe. Neće više s nama sjediti na stručnim sastancima i pomagati nam znanjem i iskustvom kako bismo olakšali našim studentima život i rad na fakultetu i što bolje ih pripremili za profesionalni, ali i ljudski put na koji kreću otvorenog uma i raširenih ruku. Ipak, bit će s nama u sjećanjima i bit će dio našeg odrastanja i našega zajedničkog rada. Hvala Vam gospodine profesore Zorane Azinoviću, za vrijeme koje ste proveli s nama.

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Professor Zoran Azinović, DMD, PhD, Associate Professor of Endodontics, restorative dentistry and cariesology, Senior scientific consultant at the University of Zagreb School of Dental medicine, specialist in dental and oral pathology and periodontology, dentist-in-Chief at the Zagreb Clinical hospital center Dental clinic was born in Konjic in Bosnia and Herzegovina on August 25<sup>th</sup>, 1944. That was a long sentence, containing a lot of information – the most important of which might be the beginning of a life. A life that matured and left a mark. Then its light extinguished, like all the others before it, and all those that shall follow. Yes, he left us too soon. Mr. Zoran Azinović was a special man, always willing to help, teacher and mentor to many students at the University Dental School here in Zagreb. After graduating in 1968 he began his academic, scientific

and teaching career at the same institution in 1970, at the Dental pathology department. He qualified as a specialist in 1977, and defended his Master's degree thesis in Dental sciences in 1981. His research was focused on the efficacy of enamel etching and was one of the pioneers of this technique in this country. He also encouraged many students to concentrate on that area in their work, and was one of the first in the country to conduct SEM research on changes in the hard tissue of the tooth. At the time, it was necessary to invest great effort and knowledge into such work. Professor Zoran Azinović, DMD, PhD improved our profession. He was named doctor-in-Chief at the CHC Dental clinic ten years after qualifying as a specialist in 1977, and gave his best years to his patients there, and they valued his time. His patients loved him and appreciated him, and always requested him, personally. They would quietly knock at the door and tell the nurse: "I'm with Professor Azinović. Please tell him I'm here". Furthering his scientific work, he earned a PhD in the same area in 1989, this time studying the effect of Fluoride on enamel. The following year he became Adjunct Professor. He became an Associate professor in 1999, and maintained that position until his untimely death in 2008.

Professor Azinović mentored numerous students throughout the preparation of their theses toward Bachelor's, Master's and PhD degrees. He also led postgraduate courses. He was a notably interesting and dear lecturer with the skill to bring the course topics closer to the sometimes frazzled students. He made their first clinical experiences easier, steadying their hands. He left behind a rich opus of scientific and professional work, and many grateful students, and of course – his family. There is a space filled with many happy and friendly feelings instead of the body he once occupied. These belong to those who worked with him and who fought to improve our lives and our profession. There is also an emptiness that all of us are aware of because we know that this dear man will never walk into the clinic again, smiling at his colleagues and nurses, and silently take his place chairside where he would shower his attention on his patients. He will no longer sit with us at staff meeting where he would advise us on making student life and education easier on our campus, helping us prepare them for their professional and human path on which they embark with open mind and open arms. Still, he shall live on in memories, and will remain part of our growing up and shared work. Thank you Professor Zoran Azinović for the time you spent with us.

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