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Academician BERISLAV TOPIC
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He spent his professional life cultivating the profession with fatherly care and in the creation of a young oral medicine student, to whom he gave permanent unreserved support. All of us around him had a continuous feeling of approval, encouragement and wise support who could always offer advice and a solution to any professional, human or personal question. He created a rhythm and a benevolent and stimulating atmosphere full of permanent optimism in the circles around him. Due to his high standard of collegiality and professionalism, Academician Topić is registered in the code of ethics of every decent dentist who had the opportunity to meet him as a student or resident. He was a true creator, the kind that were rare at the time of his career zenith, and today there are almost no more.

In addition to his undoubted erudition and experience, Academician Topić also possessed the virtue of finding an adequate way of transferring knowledge to students and dentists. The real value of teachers, experts and scientists is that they transfer their knowledge, acquired through a long-term process, to others, in a way adapted to the recipient. Even as a full professor in a permanent position, he possessed the enthusiasm of a teacher, such as is appropriate for an ardent assistant professor.

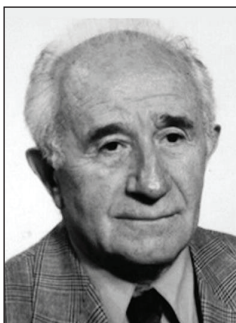
Academician Topić worked at the School of Dental Medicine University of Zagreb from 1993 until his retirement in 2000, during which he continued his intellectual activity through lectures, writing books and scientific papers almost until the end of his life. In addition to countless published works, Academician Topić was the author and co-author of seven textbooks in the fields of oral immunology, periodontology, oral medicine and dental care of medically complex patients. Academician Topić, due to his professional habitus, could best be described as a "doctor for the oral cavity and beyond". From his student days, he advocated that we be much more than "dental doctors". He considered the prevention of oral diseases to be the highest part of our activity. This is evidenced by the dedication that he dedicates in the 3rd edition of his textbook "Periodontology" from 2005 to "patients who wear total dentures due to unfairly extracted teeth". And from the cover of the first edition of "Parodontology" from 1980, a wide and cheerful smile is given to us by his daughter Lidija, whom he has now met again.

Along with his dear family, his wife Mira, daughter Ana and grandchildren, great-grandchildren and sons-in-law, all of us who shared unforgettable friendly and professional moments with Berislav for decades remain sad.

Dear academic, dear Bero, have a good trip!

Prof.dr.sc. Ivan Alajbeg

Akademik BERISLAV TOPIĆ
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Profesionalni život proveo je očinski unapređujući struku i stvarajući oralno-medicinski pomladak kojemu je davao trajnu i bezrezervnu potporu. Svi mi oko njega imali smo dojam da nam kontinuirano odobrava, da nas neprestance potiče i da nam je mudri oslonac koji je uvijek spreman ponuditi savjet i rješenje za svako stručno, ljudsko ili osobno pitanje. Krugovima oko sebe određivao je ritam i stvarao dobronamjernu atmosferu punu trajnog optimizma. Zbog svoga visokog standarda kolegijalnosti i profesionalnosti, akademik imao prigodu upoznati. Bio je istinski stvaralac kakvi su u vrijeme njegova karijernog zenita bili rijetki, a danas ih gotovo više ni nema.

Uz nedvojbenu erudiciju i iskustvo, akademik Topić posjedovao je i vrlinu pronalazjenja adekvatnog načina prijenosa znanja na studente i stomatologe. Prava vrijednost nastavnika, stručnjaka i znanstvenika jest da svoje znanje, stečeno dugotrajnim procesom, prenosi na druge i to na način prilagođen primatelju. I kao redoviti profesor u trajnom zvanju posjedovao je entuzijazam nastavnika poput onoga koji je primjeren gorljivome docentu.

Akademik Topić djelovao je na Stomatološkom fakultetu Sveučilišta u Zagrebu od 1993. do mirovine u 2000. godini u kojoj gotovo do kraja života nastavlja s intelektualnim djelovanjem - drži predavanja, piše knjige i znanstvene radove. Uz nebrojene objavljene radove, akademik Topić bio je autor i suautor sedam udžbenika iz područja oralne imunologije, parodontologije, oralne medicine i stomatološke skrbi medicinski kompleksnih bolesnika. Akademika Topića moglo bi se, zbog njegova stručnog habitusa, najbolje opisati kao „liječnika za usnu šupljinu i šire“. Od svojih studentskih dana zalagao da budemo mnogo više od „zubnih liječnika“. Preventivu oralnih bolesti smatrao je najuzvišenijim dijelom našeg djelovanja. O tome svjedoči i posveta koju u 3. izdanju svojega udžbenika "Parodontologija" iz 2005. godine posvećuje „pacijentima koji nose totalne proteze zbog nepravedno ekstrahiranih zuba“. A s korica prvoga izdanja "Parodontologije" iz 1980. godine, širok i vedar osmijeh dariva nam kći Lidija s kojom se je sada ponovno susreo.

Uz njegovu dragu obitelj, suprugu Miru, kći Anu te unuke, prauke i zetove, ostajemo ožalošćeni i svi mi koji smo s Berislavom desetljećima dijelili nezaboravne prijateljske i stručne trenutke.

Dragi akademice, dragi Bera, sretan put!