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## PREAMBLE

Our readers hold before them the supplement to the *Acta Clinica Croatica* journal, dedicated to the celebration of 100 years of Orthopedics education at the School of Medicine, University of Zagreb.

In 1917, the School of Medicine at the University of Zagreb was founded, and when the first students were in their fifth year of studies, the Department of Orthopedic Surgery was established, on December 15, 1922. From that date until today, Orthopedics has been an independent Department within the School of Medicine.

On December 14, 2022, a festive meeting was held in the Revival Hall of the National Home Palace of the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts in Zagreb to commemorate 100 years of orthopaedics education at the School of Medicine, University of Zagreb. The meeting was organized by the Department of Orthopedic Surgery, under the auspices of the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts - Department of Medical Sciences.

Furthermore, a supplement to the *Acta Clinica Croatica* journal was created, containing a brief review of the Department's history, and 15 scientific articles authored by scientists from all over Croatia. We are extremely proud to have such a broad spectrum of authors, as the Department of Orthopedic Surgery has been the leading educational institution for Orthopedic surgeons in Croatia for a long period of time. Articles went through a rigorous review process in order to be published in this supplement, and we believe all of the selected articles represent the most recent knowledge in the field of orthopaedics.

We hope that by paying tribute in this manner we cherish the heritage of our exceptional teachers, amongst which Božidar Špišić, Ferdo Grospić, and Ivo Ruszkowski have a special place in the history of orthopaedics in both Croatia and the world.

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