

Review of the Scientific Monograph: “Dermatovenereological Stories to Remember”

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The scientific monograph, *Dermatovenereological Stories to Remember*, edited by academician Mirna Šitum, stands as a significant contribution to the field of dermatovenereology. Published by the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts in collaboration with Medicinska naklada, the monograph was presented during the 21st traditional scientific symposium bearing the same title. This work encapsulates the expertise and collaborative efforts of dermatologists and researchers, offering a detailed exploration of complex issues across various subspecialties in dermatovenereology.

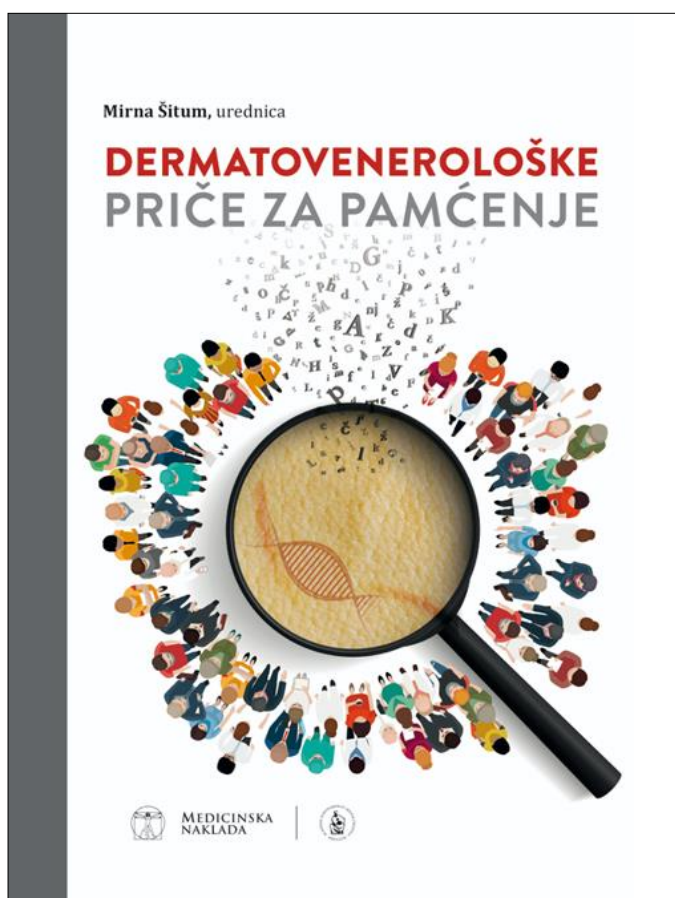


Figure 1. Image of the “Dermatovenereological Stories to Remember” Monograph Cover Page

The monograph spans 286 pages and is meticulously organized into three chapters, each dedicated to specific aspects of dermatovenereology. This logical structure allows for a comprehensive yet accessible presentation of the topics, catering to both seasoned specialists and trainees in the field.

The first chapter delves into autoimmune and inflammatory skin conditions, presenting 18 compelling texts that explore rare and diagnostically challenging entities. By addressing these uncommon cases, the chapter emphasizes the importance of precise differential diagnosis and highlights innovative approaches to treatment. The content bridges gaps in understanding by providing case studies, clinical insights, and discussions on emerging diagnostic methodologies.

The second chapter focuses on dermato-oncology, an increasingly pivotal area within dermatovenereology. With 19 topics covering rare skin tumors, unusual clinical presentations, and uncommon locations of frequently encountered malignancies, this section underscores the evolving complexity of skin oncology. A multidisciplinary approach is prominently advocated, showcasing the role of dermatologists in the early detection of malignancies and their collaboration with other medical disciplines. The chapter also includes discussions on the challenges posed by metastatic melanoma, innovative therapeutic strategies, and the integration of dermoscopic and histopathological findings.

The final chapter encompasses a broad spectrum of themes from general dermatovenereology. Topics include infectious diseases, metabolic skin conditions, sexually transmitted infections, vasculopathies, and conditions of unknown etiology. This section provides practical insights for everyday clinical practice, underscoring the necessity of extensive knowledge and a meticulous approach to diagnosis and treatment.

The monograph is distinguished by several features that enhance its value as a scientific resource.

Firstly, the text consistently emphasizes the importance of multidisciplinary collaboration, particularly in complex cases such as oncological dermatology. By illustrating the interplay between dermatologists, oncologists, pathologists, and other specialists, the book advocates for integrated patient care.

Secondly, the inclusion of detailed case studies and high-quality clinical, histopathological, and immunohistochemical photographs provides a vivid and practical understanding of the discussed conditions. These visual elements not only support the text but also serve as a learning tool for clinicians and trainees.

Thirdly, each chapter concludes with an extensive list of references, reflecting the authors' commitment to grounding their discussions in current scientific literature. This feature ensures that readers are provided with avenues for further exploration and study.

Finally, *Dermatovenereological Stories to Remember* is more than a collection of scientific discussions; it is a testament to the dedication and expertise of Croatian dermatologists. The monograph serves as a valuable resource for specialists in dermatology, oncology, pathology, and related fields. It also holds significance for trainees, offering a wealth of knowledge that spans rare cases, innovative therapies, and practical clinical strategies.

In conclusion, this scientific monograph is a cornerstone publication that advances the understanding and practice of dermatovenereology. Its comprehensive approach, interdisciplinary focus, and practical utility make it an indispensable addition to the libraries of medical professionals and institutions dedicated to excellence in dermatology and venereology.



Figure 2. The scientific monograph was presented by the reviewers, academician Vida Demarin and Professor Liborija Lugović Mibić, along with the editor, academician Mirna Šitum.