

In memory of professor dr. Jovan Marić

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Professor Dr. Jovan Marić is a prominent Serbian neuropsychiatrist, forensic psychiatrist, scientist, researcher, director of the Psychiatric Clinic of the University Medical Center Belgrade, ambassador and writer. These are just some of the functions that Professor Marić performed during his lifetime, figuratively speaking, it is only the “tip of the iceberg” of all his activities and the works he left behind. Professor Marić, with his characteristics and personality, was not such a simple person as it seemed to many who did not know him well, or did not have the opportunity or ability to do so. The professor was exceptional, unique in every function he performed, as well as in his relationships with his co-workers, students, friends and family members. He was not always understood in the right way, but his career included many years of work in the fields of psychiatry, education, writing, and diplomacy. As an expert, he contributed to the development and promotion of psychiatry in Serbia, the region, the world, he was especially appreciated in Bosnia and Herzegovina, where his roots come from. He spent a year on training in the United States and was always very enthusiastic about the professional experience and personal experiences he gained during his stay in the United States. At the same time, he actively participated in the public, cultural and political life of Serbia. For those who don't know, Professor Marić comes from an intellectual family, he had the misfortune to grow up without a father, but surrounded by great care and love of his mother, aunt and older brother, one of the best students of his generation, he got a job in Belgrade without any problems and progressed very quickly, because he was not conflictive at work, he was fair, ready to help everyone forgive, but not to forget.

He was one of the most prominent forensic psychiatrists, the president of the Forensic Psychiatric Board, and he expertly examined even the most difficult cases with great responsibility and wisdom. He liked to quote Latin sentences, and then when he realized that the interlocutor did not understand him, he translated what was said with a familiar smile. He loved the media, and the media loved him, he knew how to speak in such a way that the viewers fully understood him even when he spoke about narrowly specialized areas. He was one of the first, as he called



himself, a “sexologist” or psychiatrist who participated in the team in the diagnosis and treatment of this very complex field. There was an anecdote that with Professor Marić “you can only fall off your chair”. Of course, in this role, he was very benevolent and fair in every sense of the word.

The Professor's role as an ambassador, which the writer of these lines has personally witnessed, speaks of his engagement on a wider social level, where he approached this work with great seriousness and for the first time showed his skill and wisdom in a concrete aspect of diplomacy. At that time, he was very content and happy in the family environment, unfortunately not for long, which determined his future movements and life in general. It is worth noting that he was also special as a parent, he loved his daughters, especially the middle one, who followed in his footsteps in the world of psychiatry and was a great support for him during the last decade of his life. Unfortunately, he was deprived of his son's love, which made it very difficult for him to bear this burden, especially at the end of his life. His daughters selflessly gave everything they could to enable him to alleviate his

suffering. His favorite Joana stayed up day and night next to his bed and managed to save and prolong his life, when he fell ill with the coronavirus.

Let's also look at his written works. Professor Marić is the author of several books that deal with topics from psychiatry, psychology and society. Here are some of his notable works: "Clinical Psychiatry" which is a textbook, intended for medical students and mental health professionals., very popular, easy to read and was a favorite not only in the circles of medical students, but also residents. He has seen several editions. This is followed by "Medical Ethics", together with Joana Marić, a textbook intended for students of the first and second grade of medical schools, and deals with topics that are key to understanding ethical principles in medicine, including the relationship with patients, confidentiality, professional responsibility and other aspects of medical ethics. Professor Marić, together with Professor Dr. Mihailo Lukić, is the co-author of the book "Legal Medicine". This work explores an interdisciplinary field that connects medicine and law, covering topics such as medical law, forensic medicine, and ethics in healthcare. It is intended and written primarily for law students, lawyers and forensic medical professionals. The most famous books in the field of society and sociological events are "What Serbs Are

We?", in which the author analyzes the characteristics of the Serbian people, relying on his professional experience and cultural research. It has had a lot of controversy and has attracted a wide range of readers. This is followed by the book "Come to Your Senses to the Serbs", which is the author's call for a national awakening and a review of the social challenges that Serbia is facing. Also worth mentioning is the book "How to Save Your Nerves", which provides tips and techniques for managing stress in preserving mental health in everyday life. Finally, the book "Man vs. Woman", which explores the author's favorite topic, the relationship between men and women, in which Professor Marić analyzes both the psychological and sociological aspects of their interactions.

The role of Professor Dr. Jovan Marić as an ambassador speaks of his engagement on a wider social level, and his work in medicine and literary activity highlight him as one of the most important public figures in Serbia.

It was an honor and a great pleasure to know and work with the Professor for many years for five decades, and especially grateful that she incorporated many professional and life information and lessons into her professional work and life.

May you have eternal Glory and thank you, our dear Professor Marić.

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