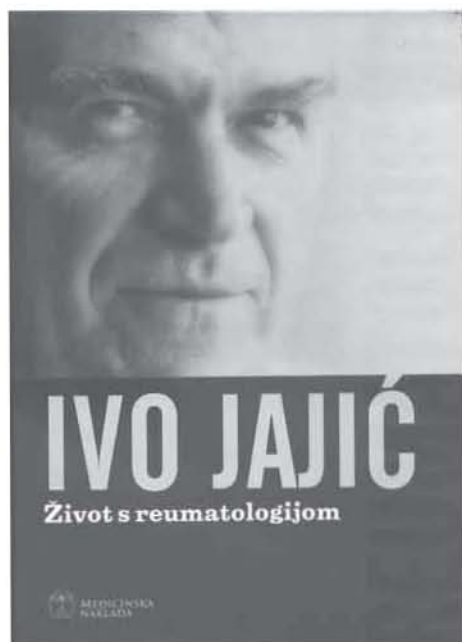


BOOK REVIEW



**LIVING WITH RHEUMATOLOGY
ŽIVOT S REUMATOLOGIJOM,**

by Ivo Jajić, Medicinska naklada, Zagreb, 2009, hard cover, 24.5x17.5 cm, 204 pages, 123 illustrations. ISBN 978-953-176-452-0; CIP 706010

After 45 years of work and living with rheumatology, Ivo Jajić, MD, PhD, retired professor at Zagreb University School of Medicine and one of the leading Croatian rheumatologists, has offered the readers his reminiscences in the form of a book that is primarily intended to provide instructions and advice to all those dealing with rheumatology as a field of medicine with intensive expansion worldwide. Following the auto-biographic introductory section, where Professor Jajić briefly describes his education, studies, internship, residency and private interests (e.g., art photography), and his own contributions to respective education of both patients and physicians, there is a respectable list

of his professional and scientific works, 462 papers published in renowned medical journals from 1962 till the book manuscript completion (2006). It is followed by the list of 61 books including handbooks, textbooks and monographs with Professor Jajić as the only or first author.

As Professor Jajić as the leading expert in the field of rheumatology was invited lecturer at numerous congresses and other scientific meetings all over the world, he offers the readers his remembrance of these important manifestations that have contributed not only to his personal reputation but also to the respectful role of Croatian rheumatology at the international level. Having taken active part at many meetings in 42 countries on all continents, at some of them on several occasions, Professor Jajić brings interesting information on these congresses and encounters with the leading world rheumatologists, along with lively and colorful, almost fictional descriptions of the host cities and countries. This section is followed by description of Professor Jajić's 23 discoveries in rheumatologic science, his memberships and positions in various rheumatologic associations (in many of them as a representative of the Republic of Croatia), awards and plaudits (some of them as top honors), and a list of projects led or supervised by Professor Jajić. Among a number of auto-biographies of our physicians that have appeared recently, this book stands out for its well-founded, interesting and abundant data; to me as a historian of medicine, it offers precious material of high relevance for the profession that is relatively young in our setting, but which goes straight into the core of the medical science.

Professor Jajić has shown us not only how to live with rheumatology but also how to genuinely live it.

Vladimir Dugački