

Professor Albin Brnobić, MD, PhD (1916 – 2007)



Professor Albin Brnobić, MD, PhD, retired head of the University Department of Dermatology and Venereology, Zagreb University Hospital Center and School of Medicine, University of Zagreb, departed this life on June 25, 2007.

Albin Brnobić was born on August 10, 1916 in Markovac near Višnjan in Istria, where he completed elementary school. Then he attended high school in Zagreb, graduated from it in 1937, enrolled in the School of Medicine, University of Zagreb in the same year and graduated from it in 1943. He served his internship from 1943 to 1945, and then worked as a physician at state-owned hospitals in Petrinja, Labin and Rijeka. In 1946, he started working as assistant at University Department of Dermatology and Venereology, Zagreb University Hospital Center. Following due residency, he passed specialist exam in dermatology and

venereology in 1950. In 1948, he was entrusted by the then head of Department, Academician Kogoj, with establishment of the Laboratory of Allergology and Clinic for Occupational Skin Diseases, which did not exist at the Department before. Professor Albin Brnobić completed the task successfully and was appointed head of these Department divisions. In 1966, he was appointed head of the Department 1st Male Ward. Based on his habilitation paper entitled "Indirect basophil granulocyte degranulation test in the diagnosis of allergic dermatoses", he was appointed titular Assistant Professor in 1971, and Assistant Professor at University Department of Dermatology and Venereology, School of Medicine, University of Zagreb in 1972. In 1971, he earned the title of Head Doctor in Dermatology and Venereology. In the same year, he was appointed acting head, and in 1973 head of the University Department of Dermatology and Venereology, School of Medicine, University of Zagreb. To Professor Albin Brnobić, merits go for the construction of the functional polyclinical wing of the Department. From 1973, he held the position of head of the Zagreb University School of Medicine Chair of Dermatology and Venereology. From 1974, he was member of the Zagreb School of Medicine Faculty Coordination Council for Postgraduate Education and representative of the Chair of Dermatology and Venereology to the Council. From 1966 to 1971, he acted as co-examiner and then examiner for the subject of dermatology and venereology, and from the academic year 1965/1966 to the academic year 1970/1971 as co-examiner at Zagreb University School of Dental Medicine. From 1971, he held lectures in dermatology and venereology for medical students. From 1979, he was entrusted with the performance of residency in dermatology and venereology. He was appointed Associate Professor in 1976, and Professor in 1980. On October 1976, he defended his doctoral dissertation entitled "Blast leukocyte transformation test in the diagnosis of syphilis". From 1979, Professor Albin Brnobić headed the Department 2nd Male Ward

and Laboratory of Allergology with Clinic for Occupational Skin Diseases. He was retired in 1983, however, maintaining contact with the Department and following advances in dermatology and venereology. The rich opus of Professor Brnobić clearly shows that he was a versatile dermatologist-venereologist, lecturer and professional in allergology and many other fields of dermatology and venereology, actively engaged in practical and theoretical undergraduate education at Zagreb University School of Medicine and School of Dental Medicine, postgraduate and resident education as well as in medical high school education.

Professor Albin Brnobić was one of the founders (1952) and active member of the Section of

Allergology of the Croatian Medical Association (CMA); he held the position of secretary of the Section and of the Yugoslav Association of Allergologists. He was member of the CMA Academy and was presented the Pavao Čulumović Award by CMA. He was also member of the Institute of Medical Research, Zagreb University Hospital Center, and served a number of social functions.

Professor Albin Brnobić had a systematic, hard-working and precise personality, which qualities he also expected from other professionals working at our Department. As Professor Brnobić was my teacher, I am grateful to him for all the good he taught me.

Professor Jasna Lipozenčić, MD, PhD