

In memoriam

Prim. dr. Vladimir Sjerobabski

(12 Jan 1933 — 29 Oct 2013)

Duboko nas je rastužila vijest da je 29. listopada 2013. godine umro u 81. godini života prim. dr. **Vladimir Sjerobabski**. Primarijus Sjerobabski umro je u Koronarnoj jedinici Zavoda za kardiologiju Kliničkog bolničkog centra *Sestre milosrdnice* u Zagrebu, koronarnoj jedinici koju je osnovao i vodio trideset godina, sve do umirovljenja, u bolnici koja mu je bila drugi dom i koju je toliko volio. Umro je izvanredan liječnik, intelektualac, erudit, iskustveni učitelj i humanist, a prije svega omiljen kolega i nadasve dobar čovjek, izvrstan suprug, otac i djed.

Prim. dr. Vladimir Sjerobabski rođen je 12. siječnja 1933. godine u Feketiću. Diplomirao je na Medicinskom fakultetu Sveučilišta u Zagrebu 1959. godine. Staž je obavio i radio kao sekundarac u Općoj bolnici Vinkovci, 1962. je radio kao liječnik opće medicine u industrijskoj ambulanti "Borovo", a 1963. godine je bio upravitelj zdravstvene stanice Borovo. Internu medicinu je specijalizirao od 1965. do 1969. na KBC Rebro, 1969. je položio specijalistički ispit, a od 1970. godine radi kao specijalist interne medicine u Klinici za unutrašnje bolesti tadašnje Kliničke bolnice "Dr. Mladen Stojanović", odnosno KBC *Sestre milosrdnice* u Zagrebu. Bio je voditelj prve koronarne jedinice u Hrvatskoj od osnutka 1970. godine, a od 1976. do odlaska u mirovinu bio je i šef Odjela intenzivne koronarne skrbi. Subspecijalizirao je kardiologiju i intenzivnu medicinu. Bavio se ritmologijom i među prvima implantirao elektrostimulatore srca u bivšoj državi. U KBC *Sestre milosrdnice* proveo je cjelokupan specijalistički staž, radio je u njoj tri desetljeća i ostavio u njoj neizbrisivi trag. Usavršavao se u nekoliko navrata u Njemačkoj, u Klinici Grosshadern u Münchenu i u Klinici u Düsseldorfu.

Primarijus Sjerobabski nesebično je desetljećim educirao generacije mladih liječnika iz cijele Hrvatske. Bio je vrlo aktivan u Hrvatskom kardiološkom društvu, čiji je bio tajnik u dva mandata. Bio je istaknuti član Hrvatskog liječničkog zbora, Hrvatskog internističkog društva, Hrvatskog društva za intenzivnu medicinu, Europskog kardiološkog društva i Akademije medicinskih znanosti Hrvatske. Bio je stručni savjetnik za kardiologiju u tijeku planiranja Sveučilišne bolnice Blato,

We are deeply saddened by the news that Mr. **Vladimir Sjerobabski**, MD, Head Doctor died on 29 October 2013 at the age of 81. Sjerobabski, MD, Head Doctor died in the Coronary Unit of the Department of Cardiology, University Hospital Centre *Sestre milosrdnice*, Zagreb, the coronary unit founded and led by him for thirty years until he retired, the hospital, which was his second home and that he

loved so much. He was an outstanding physician, intellectual, erudite, an experienced teacher and a humanist, and above all beloved colleague and a good man, a great husband, father and grandfather.

Vladimir Sjerobabski, MD, Head Doctor was born on 12 January 1933 in Feketić. He graduated from the School of Medicine of the University of Zagreb in 1959. He did an internship and worked as a secondary care physician in the Vinkovci General Hospital. In 1962 he worked as a general practitioner in the industrial Outpatient clinic "Borovo", and in 1963 he was the Head of the Borovo medical department. He specialized in internal medicine from 1965 to

1969 at the University Hospital Centre Rebro, in 1969 he passed the specialty exam and since 1970 he worked as an internal medicine specialist in the Clinic of Internal Diseases of the formerly called hospital "Dr. Mladen Stojanović" or the University Hospital Centre *Sestre milosrdnice*, Zagreb. He was the Head of the first coronary unit in Croatia since its establishment in 1970, and from 1976 till his retirement he was also the Head of the Intensive Coronary Care Department. He subspecialized in cardiology and intensive medicine. He engaged in rhythmology and was one of the first doctors that implanted pacemakers in the former state. He did the entire residency program at the University Hospital Centre *Sestre milosrdnice*, he worked three decades there and left an indelible mark in it. He attended training courses for several times in Germany, the University Clinic Grosshadern in Munich and the Clinic in Dusseldorf.

Sjerobabski, Head Doctor unselfishly trained and educated many generations of young physicians from the whole of Croatia for decades. He was very active in the



organizator tečajeva iz kardiopulmonalne reanimacije, a preveo je i uredio knjigu dr. Safara o kardiopulmonalnoj reanimaciji. Autor i je i koautor 70 radova, od kojih je 14 indeksiranih.

Bio je veliki stručnjak, ali vrlo skroman, jednostavan i pristupačan čovjek, vedre i blage naravi, samozatajan. Bio je izvrstan liječnik, cijenjen među kolegama i voljen od strane pacijenata kojima je cijeli život maksimalno pomagao. Nesebično je dijelio svoje znanje s mlađim kolegama. Bolnica je bila njegov drugi dom, a kardiologija strast. Bio je idealist, liječnik i humanist u pravom smislu te riječi. Nije se bojavao teških odluka i spremno je preuzimao odgovornost. Tijekom cijele karijere je izbjegavao sukobe, nikom nije učinio ništa nažao i uvijek je mogao svima pogledati u oči. Voljeli su ga i kolege i medicinsko osoblje i pacijenti i svi ćemo ga se uvijek sjećati samo po dobrom, kao sjajnog liječnika i kao iznimnog čovjeka. Iako mu je bolnica bila drugi dom i iako je bio veliki radnik zbog čega je zasigurno patila i njegova obitelj, primarijus Sjerobabski je bio dobar i odan muž, otac i djed i iza sebe je ostavio dragu suprugu Đurđu, kćerku Ines i unuke Taru i Grgu.

Svojim iznimnim ljudskim osobinama i samoprijegornim radom zadužio je sve nas, njegove mlađe kolege, njegovu bolnicu, sredinu u kojoj je dugo i uspješno radio i struku koju je gradio, grad Zagreb i Hrvatsku. Trajno ćemo ga se sjećati s iskrenom i dubokom zahvalnošću.

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Croatian Cardiac Society and held an office of a secretary for two terms. He was a prominent member of the Croatian Medical Association, Croatian Society of Internal Doctors, Croatian Society of Intensive Medicine, European Society of Cardiologists and Academy of Medical Sciences. He was an expert consultant for cardiology at the stage of planning the University Hospital Blato, an organizer of courses in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, translated and edited a book of Dr. Safar about cardiopulmonary resuscitation. He was the author and has co-author of 70 papers, of which 14 indexed papers.

He was a great expert, but very modest, simple and accessible man, well-tempered and mild-mannered, self-effacing. He was an excellent physician, respected among his colleagues and beloved by patients whom he helped maximally all his life. He generously shared his knowledge with younger colleagues. The hospital was his second home, and cardiology was his passion. He was an idealist, a physician and humanist in the truest sense of the word. He was not afraid of making hard decisions and readily took on responsibilities. Throughout his whole career he avoided conflicts, did no harm to anybody and could always look everybody into the eyes. He was loved by his colleagues, medical staff and patients, and we shall always remember him only by his good deeds, as a brilliant physician and a remarkable man. Although his hospital was his second home, and although he was a great worker for which his family must have suffered, Sjerobabski, Head Doctor, was a good and loyal husband, father and grandfather, and he left behind a dear wife Đurđa, his daughter Ines and grandchildren Tara and Grga.

His exceptional human qualities and self-sacrificing work made all of us, his younger colleagues, his hospital, the environment where he was long and successfully building his career, the city of Zagreb and Croatia indebted to him. We shall permanently remember him with a sincere and deep gratitude.