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Sixty-Sixth Anniversary of the Clinical Hospital for Traumatology, Sestre milosrdnice University Hospital Center, Zagreb, Croatia

Celebration of the 66th anniversary of the Clinical Hospital for Traumatology, Sestre milosrdnice University Hospital Center, was held on Friday, May 16, 2014, at the Croatian Medical Association. On this occasion, the 130th anniversary of organized surgical activities in the City of Zagreb was announced. The assembly was hosted by Professor Aljoša Matejčić, MD, PhD, head of the Clinical Hospital for Traumatology, and was attended by 80 guests.

In his welcoming speech, Professor Matejčić briefly presented the Clinical Hospital for Traumatology as the top hospital specialized in surgery of the muscu-

loskeletal system and the only institution providing comprehensive care of all types of injuries of the locomotor system. Also, the Hospital is the place where all diseases of the locomotor system in adults are treated by use of comprehensive endoprosthesis, primarily osteoarthritis and tumors of the locomotor system. Patients with highest degree burns are treated at Department for Burns. The Hospital also has the Tissue Bank, which is used for banking grafts of bones from living donors and for human skin cultivation and banking. In 2013, over 100,000 examinations in polyclinical patients, 6000 surgeries and 4000 minor procedures in outpatient clinic were performed. The Hospital has 174 beds under 24-hour care by over 220 employees.

After Professor Matejčić's welcome address, Professor Hrvoje Pintarić, assistant to the head of De-



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partment for Quality Management, Sestre milosrdnice University Hospital Center, pointed out that in 2009, the Clinical Hospital for Traumatology had introduced ISO 9001 standard on quality management in the field of traumatology specified for the treatment of polytraumatized patients, post-traumatic stages, degenerative changes of the locomotor system and treatment of patients with highest degree burns. With implementation of the ISO 9001 standard, the possibility of undesired outcome and complications during treatment has been minimized, while at the same time implying a higher level of conscience and responsibility of the employees.

Next presentation was held again by Professor Matejčić, focused on 130 years of organized surgical activities in the City of Zagreb and on the history and further development of the Hospital. Professor Matejčić pointed to the historical role of the Hospital as the first surgical department of the School of Medicine, University of Zagreb, during the 1921-1941 period. On August 16, 1948, the Hospital for Traumatology was founded in the today's building in Draškovićeve ulica 19, subsequently renamed into Clinical Hospital for Traumatology in 1983. During the war in Croatia, the Hospital was actively involved in establishing war hospitals on the battlefield lines from 1991 to the end of war actions. Many great names of the Croatian surgery and medicine marked the work of the Hospital, to mention only Professor Miroslav Grujić, founder of the Croatian Traumatology Society of the Croatian Medical Association. Nowadays, the Clinical Hospital for Traumatology is

a university institution providing education of medical students, health care students and medical high school students. Also, education of residents in the fields of surgery, traumatology, orthopedics and traumatology, as well as subspecialized programs is conducted.

The lecture entitled *Traumatology today and tomorrow* was held by Professor Tedi Cicvarić, president of the Croatian Traumatology Society, in which current topics on traumatology and other related professions were presented.

The introductory section was followed by professional section with lectures on the fracture of the proximal selvedge of the humerus. Head Doctor Srećko Sablić, PhD, gave an overview of the epidemiology, classification, vascularization and conservative treatment of the fracture of the proximal selvedge of the humerus. Head Doctor Dragan Đureković, PhD, talked about the risk factors for fracture of the proximal selvedge of the humerus, its prevention, diagnosis and available methods of surgical treatment. Ivan Benčić, MD, talked about the types of shoulder implants, indications for use of shoulder implants and success in treating the fracture of proximal selvedge of the humerus. The last presentation on the rehabilitation after fracture of the proximal selvedge of the humerus was held by Head Doctor Tatjana Nikolić, PhD, among others presenting data on the rehabilitation process success in patients treated at the Clinical Hospital for Traumatology. The lectures were followed by vivid discussion, with exchange of experiences and opinions on the main topic.

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Lecture held by Professor Aljoša Matejčić, head of the Clinical Hospital for Traumatology, Sestre milosrdnice University Hospital Center, Zagreb, Croatia.