

In memoriam

Prof. Dr. Ljubo Barić (19 May 1920 - 12 Oct 2010)

Duboko nas je ražalostila vijest da je 12. listopada 2010. god. u 91. godini umro prof. dr. Ljubo Barić. Umro je veliki čovjek, izvanredan liječnik, sjajan znanstvenik i intelektualac, erudit, iskusan učitelj, humanist i danas dobar čovjek.

Prof. dr. Ljubo Barić rođen je 19. svibnja 1920. godine u Kninu. Gimnaziju je polazio u Šibeniku i Zagrebu, a Medicinski fakultet u Zagrebu. Liječnički staž obavio je u Zagrebu i Slavonskom Brodu. Specijalizaciju iz interne medicine obavio je u ondašnjoj KB "Dr. Mladen Stojanović", sada KB "Sestre milosrdnice", a specijalistički ispit položio 1956. god. Postao je asistent na Katedri za internu medicinu Medicinskog fakulteta na kojem je i doktorirao 1968. god. disertacijom s naslovom "Kliničko značenje krivulja boje i ušne oksimetrije u ispitivanju hemodinamike srca". Bio je to pionirski rad i značajan doprinos primjeni neinvazivnih metoda u kardiologiji, boljem poznavanju funkcionalnog stanja srca, postojanju, smjeru i veličini šantova, minutnom volumenu, operativnim rezultatima i nizu drugih hemodinamskih podataka. Habilitacijskim radom 1971. god. "Idiopatska hipertrofična subaortna stenoza" koji se među prvima bavio operativnom kardiomiopatijom dao je također značajan doprinos poznavanju hemodinamike jednog novog entiteta u kardiologiji koji je pobudio veliki interes u svijetu i kod nas tek posljednjih godina. Iste godine prelazi s Medicinskog na Stomatološki fakultet, gdje vodi Katedru za internu medicinu. Usavršavao se u Zürichu, Düsseldorfu, Aschaffenburgu, Hamburgu i Padovi.

Razvojem subspecialističkih područja, u sve obimnijoj internoj medicini, osniva se Zavod za kardiovaskularne bolesti Interne klinike čiji je vrlo uspješan predstojnik sve do umirovljenja 1987. god., nakon gotovo četrdeset godina aktivnog liječničkog rada. U tom je razdoblju objavio preko 130 znanstvenih i stručnih radova u domaćim i stranim časopisima, tri izdanja izvrsno prihvaćene monografije "Elektrokardiografija u praksi", knjigu "Elektroterapija u kardiologiji" nakon održanog simpozija 1978. god. Bio je to, također, pionirski rad posvećen elektroterapiji i elektrostimulaciji, transvenskoj i epikardijalnoj, novim izazovima i novim mogućnostima u kardiologiji. Dobro su poznati njegovi rani radovi o racionalnom liječenju

Today the news that on 12th October Prof. Dr. Ljubo Barić died at the age of 91 made us deeply sorry. A great man, an exceptional doctor, a great scholar and intellectual person, erudite, an experienced teacher, humanist and first of all a good man has died.

Prof. Dr. Ljubo Barić was born on 19th May 1920 in Knin. He went to High School in Šibenik and Zagreb and studied at the Faculty of Medicine in Zagreb. He performed the doctoral service in Zagreb and Slavonki Brod. He specialized internal medicine in the former Clinical Hospital "Dr. Mladen Stojanović", today known as Clinical Hospital "Sestre milosrdnice", and passed his residency exam in 1956. He became Assistant at the Chair for Internal Medicine at the Faculty of Medicine where he took his PhD degree in 1968 with the doctoral thesis entitled "Clinical Meaning of Curves of Color and Ear Oximetry in Examination of Cardiac Hemodynamics". It was a pioneering work and significant contribution to the use of non-invasive methods in cardiology, better knowledge of functional heart condition, direction and size of shants, minute volume, operative results and a series of some other hemodynamics data. Owing to his habilitation thesis in 1971 "Idiopathic hypertrophic subaortic



stenosis" whereas he was one of the first ones who engaged in obstructive cardiomyopathy, he gave a great contribution to knowledge of hemodynamics of one new entity in cardiology that has arisen a great interest in the world and in Croatia during the last few years. During the same year he was transferred from the Faculty of Medicine to the Faculty of Dental Medicine where he was in charge of the Chair for the Internal Medicine. He took training in Zürich, Düsseldorf, Aschaffenburg, Hamburg and Padua.

Owing to development of subspecialist fields, Institute for Cardiovascular diseases of the Internal Medicine Clinic was established in ever growing internal medicine, that was successfully managed by him as Principal till his retirement in 1987, after almost 40 years of his active doctoral service. During that period he had over 130 scientific and professional papers published in local and foreign journals, the three issues were excellently accepted monographs "Electrocar-



digitalisom, čime je uvelike izmjenjeno i unaprijeđeno liječenje srčane dekompenzacije. Uredio je više poglavlja u knjigama i zbornicima posvećenih kardiovaskularnim bolestima.

Prof. Barić je nesebično prenosio svoje ogromno znanje i iskustvo te je kao vrstan učitelj, predavač, ekspert i profesor odgojio generacije kardiologa širom Hrvatske i ondašnje Jugoslavije i svugdje je bio primljen s dubokim poštovanjem, priznanjem i zahvalnošću. Bio je voditelj zapaženih znanstvenih projekata, mentor u brojnim magisterijima i doktoratima, vrstan organizator i neumorni promicatelj moderne kardiologije širom domovine. Iako je njegova mladenačka ljubav bila neinvazivna kardiologija, prvenstveno elektrokardiografija i polikardiografija, trajno je poticao i razvijao nove sadržaje suvremene kardiologije kao što je funkcionalna dijagnostika, elektrostimulacija i invazivna kardiologija te im omogućio razvoj do svjetskih razina. Tijesno je surađivao, napose s kirurzima o čemu svjedoče brojni rezultati moderne kardiologije u našoj sredini, pa i naši današnji dometi. Bio je jedan od osnivača i kamena temeljaca suvremene hrvatske kardiologije.

Prof. dr. Barić bio je vrlo aktivan i u Akademiji medicinskih znanosti Hrvatske čiji je suosnivač od 1961. god. i obnašatelj brojnih istaknutih dužnosti (član osnivačkog odbora, voditelj Kolegija internističkih znanosti, član Senata). Bio je ljubitelj i odličan poznavatelj književnosti, filozofije, povijesti, umjetnosti i napose glazbe. Godinama je bio istaknuti član muškog zbora *Zagrebački liječnici pjevači* te je svojim zvonkim basom nastupao na mnogim koncertima u zemlji i inozemstvu.

Za svoj plodan i uspješan rad na mnogim područjima dobio je brojna priznanja, diplome i odlikovanja među kojima i Nagradu grada Zagreba za životno djelo te Diplomom počasnog člana Hrvatskoga kardiološkoga društva i Hrvatskoga liječničkog zbora.

Prof. dr. Ljubo Barić bio je izuzetna osoba. Širinom znanja, kritičnošću i dubinom promišljanja, temeljitim pristupom svakom problemu, iskričavom duhovitošću, rijetkom skromnošću osvajao je simpatije i pobudio duboko poštovanje svih s kojima se sretao, s kojima je radio i surađivao, a uz to i iskrenom humanošću i dobrotom i svih koje je liječio. Tim svojim osobinama i zaslugama zadužio je sve nas, sredinu u kojoj je uspješno i dugovječno djelovao, ovaj grad i ovu zemlju koju je toliko volio. Zbog svega što je učinio trajno ćemo ga se sjećati s dubokom i iskrenom zahvalnošću.

diography in practice", the book "Electrotherapy in Cardiology" after the symposium was held in 1978. It was also a pioneer paper dedicated to electrotherapy and transvenous and epicardial electrostimulation, new challenges and new possibilities in cardiology. His early papers on rational treatment by digitalis are well known whereas the treatment of heart failure was greatly changed and advanced. He edited several chapters in books and collection of papers dedicated to cardiovascular diseases.

Prof. Barić unselfishly conveyed his huge knowledge and extensive experience and as excellent teacher, lecturer, expert and professor he educated many generations of cardiologists throughout Croatia and former Yugoslavia and everywhere he was accepted and welcome with acknowledgment and gratitude as highly respected expert. He was in charge of many important scientific projects, a mentor in many master theses and doctoral theses, an excellent organizer and untiring promoter of the modern cardiology throughout our country. Although his love was non-invasive cardiology, mainly electrocardiography and polycardiography when he was young, he permanently promoted and developed new contents of modern cardiology such as functional diagnostics, electrostimulation and invasive cardiology and he brought their development to an international level. He closely cooperated with surgeons as witnessed by a series of results of modern cardiology in our surrounding and our results as well. He was one of the founders and cornerstone of the modern Croatian cardiology.

Prof. Dr. Barić was also very active in the Academy of Medical Sciences in Croatia and he was its co-founder since 1961 where he performed many important duties (the member founding committee, Head of Courses of Internal Medical Sciences, member of the Senate). He loved and understood much of literature, philosophy, history, art and music. He was a distinguished member of the men's choir Zagreb physicians singers and with his resonant bass he performed at many concerts in Croatia and abroad.

For his futile and successful work in many fields he was given many awards, diplomas and medals, whereas one of them is the Award of the City of Zagreb for life-work and the diploma as honored member of the Croatian Cardiac Society and the Croatian Medical Association.

Prof. Dr. Ljubo Barić was an exceptional person. Owing to his extensive knowledge, criticism, giving full consideration to any problem, thorough approach to every problem, his sense of humor, rare modesty, sincere humanity and goodness, he was beloved and enjoyed respect with all those met him, who he worked and cooperated with and all those who were treated by him. Owing to his features and credits, he made all of us, our surrounding where he successfully and long worked, this City and this country which he loved so much, responsible to honor his deeds and personality. We shall always remember him with deep and sincere gratitude due to everything he did.

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