

## IN MEMORIAM

### PROF. DR. MIRJANA STUPAR (1941-2008)

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On Wednesday May 21, 2008 we mourned the loss of our long-time professor, mentor, valued colleague, and above all extraordinary friend. The news of her death came unexpectedly and we were completely unprepared for it.

Professor Dr. Mirjana Stupar was born on March 29, 1941 in Belgrade, where she completed her elementary and high school education. She enrolled at Belgrade University's Faculty of Pharmacy in 1960/1961 and graduated in 1965. After that, she received her M.S. degree (thesis title: *Contribution to Technology and Formulation of Microemulsions for Pharmaceutical and Cosmetic Purposes*) from the same faculty in 1972 and her PhD (thesis title: *Analysis of Microemulsion Systems for Application in Dermopharmacy*) in 1981. In 1986, she completed the faculty's Program of Specialization in Pharmaceutical Technology.

Professor Dr. Mirjana Stupar was employed at Belgrade University's Faculty of Pharmacy in 1969, the same year being appointed to the post of assistant-trainee. She became an assistant professor in 1981 and between 1991 and 2006 served as a full professor for the subjects *Pharmaceutical Technology and Biopharmacy* and *Bases of Industrial Pharmacy and Cosmetology*. She taught the same subjects at the Faculty of Pharmacy in Sarajevo and the Faculty of Medicines Pharmacy Section in Banja Luka, where she was a professor admired and loved by many generations of students.

During her long and fruitful career at our faculty, she served as adviser in preparation of 55 diploma the-



ses, 35 specialist papers in Pharmaceutical Technology and Cosmetology, six M.S. theses in Pharmaceutical Technology, and seven PhD theses in Pharmaceutical Technology.

As a distinguished researcher, Prof. Stupar participated in six scientific projects, published 85 papers in international reviews and 140 in national reviews, and delivered 140 reports at international and national meetings. Additionally, she authored five manuals in the field of pharmaceutical technology for students of the Faculty of Pharmacy.

Under her supervision as President of the Federal Pharmacopoeia Commission, *The Fifth Edition of the Yugoslav Pharmacopoeia* was prepared in 2000.

Professor Dr. Mirjana Stupar served as Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy between 1987 and 1991 and from 1996 to 2001.

In the period 1984-2006 (22 years), she was Director of the Institute of Pharmaceutical Technology and Cosmetology, where she contributed enormously to affirmation of the Institute and improving lectures and scientific-research working conditions. She was also instrumental in obtaining equipment and necessary literature, working always with great enthusiasm and dedication to improve research activities at the Institute and establish collaboration with corresponding institutions and laboratories abroad.

At the Institute, she maintained continuous and direct contacts with professional colleagues to ensure good collaboration in solving various problems and

improving efficiency in pharmaceutical technology, cosmetology, and pharmaceutical practice.

She participated in the organization, structuring, and realization of numerous symposia sponsored by the Pharmaceutical Society of Serbia and its Section for Pharmaceutical Technology and Cosmetology, of which she was a preeminent member for many years.

She considered it to be of the utmost importance to establish and maintain cooperation with foreign universities. On many occasions she attended resident study courses at the Universities of Frieberg, Zurich, Munich, Athens and Salonika. She set up cooperation with the Institutes of Pharmaceutical Technology in Ljubljana and Szeged and together with her colleagues worked on maintaining it till her last days.

Professor Dr. Mirjana Stupar was active in many professional and research institutions in our country and abroad, serving as a member of the Professional Council on Medical Sciences (1992-1994), Vice-President of the Council (1997), member of the Teaching and Research Council of the Belgrade University (1987-1991; 1996-2001), Vice-President of the Federal Commission on Drug

Registration (1995-1999), Vice-President of the Serbian Commission on Drug Registration (2002-2005), member of the Research Council of the Central European Conference in Pharmaceutical Technology, and President of the Pharmaceutical Technology Section of the Pharmaceutical Society of Serbia (1985).

She made a deep impression on her colleagues and collaborators with her generosity, kindness, and optimism.

Many generations of students, collaborators and colleagues will remember her as being an excellent teacher, an outstanding scientist and above all a good person.

For her optimism, diligent activity in all branches of the pharmaceutical profession, and warm companionship she will live on in the memory of her most intimate collaborators and friends.

Prof. Dr. Jela Milić  
Prof. Dr. Marija Primorac