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On the Occasion of Medics Generation Meeting - 40 Years Since Graduation at Medical Faculty

On Saturday 14 May 2016 in Sarajevo, at the Holiday Inn hotel, was organized a reunion meeting of graduates at the Medical Faculty, University of Sarajevo, who graduated during the academic year 1975/76. The reason for the meeting was the celebration of the 40th anniversary of graduation, or so called "Faculty Graduation".

In one word, it was a lovely, wistful, poignant encounter of one, unfortunately, small group of graduates, as I said in my presentation, the best - 25th anniversary generation of the Medical Faculty in Sarajevo. Generation that brought on their shoulders the most significant reform of the medical studies in Yugoslavia and that produced more than 40 university teachers worldwide. I said, unfortunately, because gathered a little more than 10% of our generation - many were not able to come because of their work and family responsibilities, some were not informed on time about the gathering, some work and live quite far away, out of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Europe, so it is difficult to reconcile work with other circumstances, but, unfortunately,

many of our generation are not alive anymore.

It was a moving presentation from each of us - these were short personal histories with a mixture of beauty, sadness and melancholy, joy and sorrow, success and failure in life and work, family and personally. Most of our colleagues who attended the gathering dinner are still employed, while a few have retired. The first wail that they had enough, and the second teased them that they have reborn since retirement. Dominated is the love for the profession that we have chosen and which we enjoyed or still enjoy, but everyone emphasized their success to their offspring - daughters, sons and grandchildren. Those that reminded of lost family members by their tears, which they could not hide, saddened also the rest of us. Unfortunately, many colleagues are not among us, who left this world by natural causes, lost their lives during the war or otherwise. People talked about the adventures, the small fragments of our student life. As usual in such situations and in our age, we remember good times - also often difficult

ones, because we are the generation that was truly studying and adopting the knowledge of our good and quality teachers, whose names have been unavoidable, and we recalled some comic details, because we remember them most frequently after which was special and the characteristic for them. Of course, always in a positive context.

We remembered Professor Hamid Pašić and his lively lectures with remarks that no one could forget or, for example, Professor Mirko Ćuš and his characteristic terminology ("This page is torquated and there is none details on it"), a large and theatrical Sorbonne student, our professor Zaim Filipovic, who we listened with pleasure, soaking up his every sentence. Or professor Asim Jamakosmanović and its nudging the frog to jump off the table in physiological amphitheater in order to explain to us the meaning of Fling experiment. Normally, there are also teachers of anatomy: professors Hajrudin Hadžiselimović and Ljubomir Savković. I remembered one anecdote with one of our colleagues (now working in Dubrovnik) and its partial exam from osteology with Professor Hadžiselimović. Students claimed that the professor Hadžiselimović never laughed during the exam, but then Rapa made him laugh with the sentence: "The earth moves across calcaneus, calcaneus moves across the earth", and repeated it five times, in order to catch the breath because of his ignorance. The professor had a good laugh, which no one has ever seen and remembered before and after.

I repeated to my colleagues my famous sentence that I spoke at one of the sessions of the Academic Council - "That my grade 10 (A), which I rarely give to the students is less than Hadžiselimović 5 (E), because it was necessary to reach the final exam and stand in front professor Hajro and get a 5 (E)". That was stress that could never be forgotten. And how to forgot it when from professor Hajro some students fled to Pristina and some are now rectors and doctors-politicians, in order to pass there the Anatomy exam. During remembrance was also in-

evitable Ibro from anatomical ossuary with its specific "hieroglyphic" marks on the bones that he issued to us for learning. Happy and joyful, but also a little sad, we called each other at annual meetings, promising that we have to obey our promises and be sure, and to also call those who during this beautiful evening were not with us, and they were "student and graduates community" during these beautiful 1970'. Those years cannot return, but we can evoke memories of them and the events that we remembered.

We are sorry that among us were not present our dear colleagues who made famous Sarajevo medicine around the world - Benjamin Đulbegović, Saed Džumhur, Entezam Šahović, Mario Abinun and others. We wish, that images that I attached to this article recall memories, how we once upon a time in our student days together shared both the nice and bad.

I send my sincere congratulation to those who have an idea and organized the marking of the 40th anniversary of the graduates of the Medical Faculty in Sarajevo, with the desire to meet again in good health and happiness.

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