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Professor Mehmed Gribajcevic, MD, PhD (1947-2020)

On September 12, 2020 passed away prominent scientist, academician professor Mehmed (Mesa) Gribajcevic, former Head of Division of the Clinic for Gastroenterohepatology of the Clinical Center of Sarajevo University.

Professor Mehmed Gribajcevic graduated in 1960 Primary school in Sarajevo. In 1964 he graduated High School in Sarajevo. In 1969 he graduated from the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Sarajevo as an excellent student. In the year 1977 he earned specialisation in internal medicine at Clinical Center of University of Sarajevo. From 1978 until 1980 at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Zagreb, Croatia, he finished Postgraduate research study, also, as an excellent PhD student. In the year 1984 at University of Zagreb, Faculty of Medicine he earned Doctoral thesis.

His academic career started at Faculty of medicine at University of Sarajevo in the year 1983, when he was elected as Assistant in Internal medicine. In the year 1989 he was elected as Professor of Internal medicine - Gastroenterohepatology at the same University.

He has next professional experiences: from 1993 until 2008 at Clinical Center of University of Sarajevo as Professor and Head of Division for Gastroenterohepatology, from 1994 until 2008 at Clinical Center University of Sarajevo as Director for Internal Medicine Specialities. In 2003 he was Coordinator of the Liver transplant team. Additional education and training of Professor Gribajcevic were: Training in endoscopy and gastroenterology in 1981 in Erlangen; also, in 1983 (Ludwisburg), 1984 (Munich), 1989 (Moscow) and 1989 (Riga, Latvia).

He was a member of Phisician's Associations of Bosnia and Herzegovina. President of the Association for Gastroenterohepatologists of Bosnia and Herzegovina. He was member of Editorial Board of the journal Medical Archives. Professor Gribajcevic actively participated at a lot of domestic and international conferences as speaker or chair of the session. Also he chaired several Congresses of Gastroenterohepatology as Chair of the Scientific Program Committee. He published over 120 different publications, including two books as author and four books as co-author.

Professor Mehmed Gribajcevic was elected as inaugural member of Academy of Medical Sciences of Bosnia and Herzegovina in the year 2009. He was also Minister of Health of Canton Sarajevo during the period of 1996 until 1996.

For his contribution in health care organization and also for his academic and prominent scientific achievements he has been awarded by "Isa-bey Ishakovic" award. Common people will remember him as excellent (one of the best in Bosnia and Herzegovina)n Saz's players. Mehmed played 5 instruments and liked very much sevdalinka songs.

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