Karl Holubar
(June 3, 1936 – January 6, 2013)

It is impossible now to express how I and other Croatian friends feel for having lost one of the greatest experts of dermatovenereology, especially history of Viennese and world dermatology, great humanist, cosmopolitan and polyglot.

Karl was a living encyclopedia! In his company, we could always learn more and become richer in knowledge. Throughout his professional life, Karl Holubar bequeathed us with a rich opus of works thoroughly elaborating the history of dermatovenereology.

Thank you, Karl, for the three books you presented me with. Croatian dermatovenereologists are very proud and thankful to Professor Holubar because as president, he included “koža”, the Croatian term for skin, in the emblem of the European Society for the History of Dermatology and Venereology in 1999.

Dear Karl, thank you for your excellent lectures you held in Zagreb and elsewhere in Croatia at different continuous medical education courses, symposia and congresses. I was very proud to be your friend!

Your wife Christine was headstone and both of your sons were your great support to your ambitions throughout your fruitful life.

Croatian dermatovenereologists will never forget your extraordinary contribution to all of us.

I was privileged at international meetings to witness the prestige you achieved in the world dermatovenereology and history of medicine. We are grateful for your contribution as Associate Editor for the History of Medicine in our journal Acta Dermatovenerologica Croatica.

Your place will be empty for a long, long time.

Let the memory of you live forever.

Professor Jasna Lipozenčić, MD, PhD