



Prof. Ljupka Matovska, PhD

Head of the Clinic for Reconstructive Dentistry and Endodontics

Biography

Professor Ljupka Matovska graduated from the Dental section of the Faculty of Medicine in Skopje in 1971. She received a scholarship from the Republic Secretariat for the Coordination of Scientific Activities while working at the Clinic for Dental Pathology (1972-1973), for the project "Use of Corticosteroids in the Treatment of Periapical Processes." In 1973, she became a Teaching Assistant at the Department of Dental Pathology and Therapy and received her Master's degree in 1976 and Doctoral degree in 1982. In 1983, she was promoted to Assistant Professor and in 1988 to Associate Professor. She received the title of full Professor in 1999.

Teaching and Research

Professor Matovska is directly engaged in the practical training of students at the Faculty of Dentistry since 1971, and later in theoretical education for the program in Dental Diseases and Endodontics. She was engaged in clinical and experimental testing of new dental materials and drugs, and conducted research and experiments, especially in the field of Pathologic Dental Resorption. She has an extensive international dental research experience in research Centers in Belgrade, Zagreb, Ljubljana and Sarajevo in former Yugoslavia, Semmelweis University in Budapest (1976 and 2002), at the UCLA Endodontic Section in Los Angeles, United States (1990), The Eastman Dental Institute in London, United Kingdom (2003), and in Helsinki and Joensuu, Finland (2002). Professor Matovska was a participant and a presenter at the International Center for Dental Education and Innovative Dentistry of Vivadent Corporation, in Budapest (2001) and Prague (2002). She has completed courses for new treatment methods, materials, techniques and the use of lasers in dentistry in Lichtenstein (Vivadent, 1997), Biberach, Germany (KaVo, 1997), Ballague, Switzerland (Maillefer, 2000).

Apart from the course in Restorative Dentistry and Endodontics Professor Matovska also teaches the course on Dental Ergonomics. She has published more than 100 specialist and research publications related to dentistry. She is the author of the textbooks on Cariology (Sigmapharm, 2001) and Endodontics (Sigmapharm, 2002), a monograph on Pathologic Dental Resorption (Makedonska Kniga, 1984), and a multi-lingual dental dictionary in cooperation for the Macedonian Academy of Sciences (Sigmapharm, 1999).

Other Professional Activities

Apart from teaching and research, Professor Ljupka Matovska held numerous administrative posts in the Faculty of Dentistry such as member of the Graduate Studies Committee, President of the Scientific Research Committee and Member of the Primarius Examination Commission in the Macedonian Ministry of Health. She served multiple terms as member of the University Senate of the University "Sts Kiril and Methodij", was a member of the working group on terms and definitions with the Federal Commission of Standardization in Belgrade and is still an active member of the Terminological Commission at the Macedonian Academy of Sciences. She served as Head of the Clinic for Reconstructive Dentistry and Endodontics (1999-2003), President of the Commission for Reforms in the Curriculum, Secretary of the Section for Dental diseases and Endodontics, and Vice-president of the Macedonian Dental Association. She currently serves her second term as Head of the Clinic for Reconstructive Dentistry and Endodontics, Chair of the Department of Reconstructive Dentistry and Endodontics and President of the Scientific Research Committee.