



## IN MEMORIAM

## Professor Miodrag Colić, MD, PhD. 1957–2021

One of the most prominent plastic surgeons both in Serbia and internationally, Miodrag Colić was born on May 14, 1957, in Pirot, Serbia. He finished primary school and high school in Belgrade as a straight-A student, at the time having won four October Awards and one award presented by the journal *Politika* for literature.

Miodrag Colić enrolled at the University of Belgrade, Faculty of Medicine in 1976, and graduated in 1982, with an average grade of 9.85. During his studies, he received one Faculty of Medicine award and two University awards for his academic success, as well as two awards from the *Medicinski podmladak* student magazine for the professional papers he published in it. In 1985, after the opening of the Clinic for Burns, Plastic, and Reconstructive Surgery in Belgrade, Professor Colić had started his permanent employment. He worked there until 2012. From 2001 until 2009, he was the Head of the Clinic.

Miodrag Colić completed his plastic and reconstructive surgery program in April of 1987 at the Faculty of Medicine in Belgrade, and passed his specialist exam with the highest honors. In June of 1987, he graduated with a Master's degree from the Faculty of Medicine in Belgrade with the paper titled *Diagnostic and Therapeutic Aspects of Disorders in Breast Development*. In October of 1994, he became Ph.D. with paper *The Role of Hyperbaric Oxygenation in the Treatment of Electrical Injuries*. He was appointed an Assistant at the Department of Surgery at the Faculty of Medicine in Belgrade in November 1991. In 1998 he was elected an Assistant Professor, then, was elected a Professor.

Miodrag Colić sought his professional training in Plastic and reconstructive surgery with Prof. J. Aviles Velastegui at the Plastic Surgery Department, Gregorio Maranon Hospital, Madrid and with Prof. B. Vilar-Sancho, Sanatorio Nuestra Señora de la Paloma, as a Spanish Government fellowship holder. With Prof. F. Ortiz-Monasterio at the Cranio-Maxillofacial Surgery Department in Manuel Gea González Hospital, as well as Ángeles Hospital, Aesthetic & Plastic Surgery



Figure 1. Professor Miodrag Colić, MD, PhD. 1957–2021

Department, Tijuana, Mexico, as a Mexican Government fellowship holder. He was a friend and student of the famous plastic surgeon Dr Ivo Pitangy in Centro de Estudios Ivo Pitanguy, Rio de Janeiro, as well as Breast Surgery Centre, Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Miodrag Colić was appointed a member of the International Society of Aesthetic Plastic Surgery Board of Directors in the capacity of the Chair of the National Secretaries 2004–2008, Secretary General 2008–2012 and Vice-Chair 2012–2013. In 2011, he became the European Representative with the International Confederation for Plastic Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery as well as a member of the Committee on Cooperation with International Organizations. Professor Colić is one of the founders of the Balkan Society for Plastic Surgery. Since 2009, when the Serbian Breast Reconstruction Society was established, he has been its President.

Professor Miodrag Colić was a member of the International College of Surgeons,

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International Confederation for Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery, International Society of Aesthetic Plastic Surgery, American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery, New York Academy of Sciences, European Academy of Cosmetic Surgery, Serbian Medical Association and many others. He was an honorary professor at the Albert Schweitzer International University and Professor and Provost at the Lipoplasty University.

He was the President of the international aid organization Lions Club International for Yugoslavia in 2001–2002 and Serbia and Montenegro in 2003–2004.

Miodrag Colić has published over 200 professional papers and four monographs. As he pursued surgical career, he was also very much engaged in writing poetry and exploring new worlds. He is the author of the book of poems *The Trail of Eternity* as well as the two-volume monograph *My journey around the world*.

Together with his brother, Milan Colić MD., Professor Miodrag Colić was a co-owner of Hospital for Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery *Colić*. Since 2010, he has been the Honorary Consul of the Republic of Peru. Professor Colić spoke many languages. He was fluent in English and Spanish.

Miodrag Colić was an artist, a poet at heart and a maestro with the scalpel. He was a great man, a loving friend, and a masterful doctor full of passion for his craft. His indomitable spirit led him constantly forward. As a world traveler, he visited all of the countries around the world.

After battling a long illness, he died in Colombo, Sri Lanka on September 24, 2021. His work continues to live on through countless patients whose lives he had improved, saved even, as well as his sons Filip and Konstantin. Konstantin Colić MD, is following in his father's footsteps as a future plastic surgeon.

We were incredibly fortunate and eternally grateful to have had him in our lives. May his memory be eternal.

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