

**TUZLA ENT SCHOOL****Fuad Brkić**

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Education and continuous training of medical personnel is imperative for successful work in this field. The tradition of organizing gatherings where education and experience exchange of experts in the field of otorhinolaryngology is carried out at our clinic has been going on for over thirty years. Given that the organization of professional and scientific gatherings has become regular in our clinic in recent years, we decided to try to establish the “Tuzla ENT School”, an informal institution whose aim is the continuous education of medical staff dealing with otorhinolaryngology. This school takes place through various meetings, seminars, workshops, video conferences and other forms of education. As a special type of education, we must mention the published books and contents, the authors of which are employees of our clinic.

**Start of school...**

In the fall of 1979, an ENT meeting of the ENT section of Bosnia and Herzegovina was held in Tuzla on the topic “Tonsillar problem”. The meeting was very successful and attended, because the focus of the topic was the immunological significance of tonsils and the modern approach to indications for tonsilloadenoidectomy. Ten years later (1989), a meeting of the section of maxillofacial surgeons and plastic surgeons of Bosnia and Herzegovina was held in Tuzla. Organized by our clinic and school for students with special needs in Tuzla, in 1988, a significant gathering of “Verbotonal Days” was held in Tuzla for two days, and the participants were from all over the former Yugoslavia. The bearers of the topics were distinguished experts from the SUVAG Institute (Zagreb), led by academician Prof. Dr. Petar Guberina.

The development of information technology and telecommunications has led to the possibility of communication between people over long distances. Our clinic organized three video conferences: The University Center for the Development of Distance Learning (UCDED) of the University of Tuzla ([www.untz.ba](http://www.untz.ba)) created the technical prerequisites for video conferences with the whole world. Using this resource, our clinic managed to organize the first video conference held on May 20, 2003 through this center with Vienna (Austria), and the special guest lecturer was Prof. Dr. Dieter Wollf Baumgartner from the AKH ENT clinic in Vienna. The lectures of the eminent expert from Vienna in Tuzla were followed by students of the Faculty of Medicine and Faculty of Defectology (more than 80 in total), and at the end of the lecture questions were asked by Prof. Baumgartner. On May 20, 2005, a video conference was held between UCDED Tuzla and the English Embassy in Belgrade, Serbia. Tuzla was attended by students of the Faculty of Medicine and Special Education in Tuzla, and at the English Embassy in Belgrade, teachers of the Faculty of Special Education in Belgrade (Serbia) and other special education teachers from Belgrade. The lecturer was Dr. Dagmar Herrmanova from the Czech Republic, and the topic was “Cochlear implantation in children with multiple disabilities”. The lecturer was at the English Embassy in Belgrade, and the listeners from Tuzla asked questions to the lecturer and other participants in Belgrade ([http://www.ucded.untz.ba/medel\\_pred.htm](http://www.ucded.untz.ba/medel_pred.htm)). On May 10, 2006, the ENT clinic in Tuzla, through UCDED, established a connection with the operating room in Marseille (France) and Manchester (England), thus monitoring two operational interventions via video link with the possibility of interactive participation. This project was called “Live International Otolaryngology Network” (“LION”) and included 11 ENT clinics in the world, including our clinic.

After these meetings, our clinic continues with the organization of expert meetings. Such a meeting was “FUNCTIONAL ENDOSCOPIC SINUS-FESS SURGERY” (March 28-29, 2002). The seminar was attended by about 30 participants, otolaryngologists

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from the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The lecturers were Dr. Tomislav Badouin and Prof. Dr. Kalogjera from the ENT Clinic Clinical Hospital Center "Sestre milosrdnice" Zagreb. The next meeting organized by our clinic was "MED-EL COMBI 40+ FITTING SEMINAR". The seminar was attended by about 50 participants (otolaryngologists, audiologists and speech therapists). The topic of the seminar was the adjustment of the cochlear implant after implantation, and this was the first seminar of its kind in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

After these meetings, our clinic started regularly, at least once a year, to organize a gathering dedicated to education. In the beginning, we organized these meetings together with colleagues from the ENT clinic from Rijeka (Croatia), and very quickly we got involved by organizing these meetings and provided great help to colleagues from Türkiye. On the occasion of our school's ten years of operation, we feel the need to thank all colleagues who have contributed to our school with their work. Here we must especially highlight our colleagues, who made the greatest contribution to the work of our school: Prof. Dr. Radan Starčević (Rijeka), Prof. Dr. Darko Manestar (Rijeka) and Prof. Dr. Mahmut Tayyar Kalcioğlu (Istanbul). Their participation in organizing the work of our school was invaluable. In the following sections of this happy story, we have presented you with a list of all seminars held so far (from 2007 to 2017), listed the names of all lecturers at our seminars and workshops, and finally gave the names of the topics of lectures and workshops in this period. We hope that we will persevere in our efforts and that our "Tuzla ENT School" will continue its successful work and spread of knowledge in the field of otorhinolaryngology.

After the outbreak of the "COVID-19" pandemic, the school temporarily stopped working, only to resume its work again in 2023, with the organization of the XIV "Tuzla ENT School". The lecturers at this gathering were: Prof. Dr. Aleksandar Perić (Belgrade), Assoc. Prof. Elvir Zvrko (Podgorica), Assoc. Prof. Aleksandra Aleksić (Banja Luka), Assoc. Prof. Alija Gežo (Sarajevo), Prof. Dr. Svetlana Mujagić (Tuzla), and Prof. Dr. Šekib Umihanić (Tuzla).

As part of the celebration of 70 years of work of the ENT clinic Tuzla, a seminar was held under the name "Audiological and Phoniatric Days" (May, 2024).

#### LIST OF SEMINARS

1. TONSILLAR PROBLEM (1979)
2. VERBOTONAL DAYS (1989)
3. FUNCTIONAL ENDOSCOPIC SINUS SURGERY (2002)
4. VIDEOCONFERENCE TUZLA-VIENNA (2003)
5. „MED-EL COMBI 40+“ SEMMINAR (2003)
6. VIDEOCONFERENCE TUZLA-BELGRADE (2005)
7. LIVE INTERNATIONAL OTOLARYNGOLOGY NETWORK „LION“ (2006)

8. REHABILITATION OF CHILDREN WITH COCHLEAR IMPLANT (2007)
9. ALLERGIC RHINITIS: DIAGNOSIS AND THERAPY (2008)
10. VERTIGO: DIAGNOSIS AND THERAPY (2008)
11. HEARING AIDS (2008)
12. EAR SURGERY (2009)
13. ALLERGIC RHINITIS IN CHILDREN (2009)
14. COMMUNICATION AFTER LARYNGECTOMY: DR ERIC BLOOM'S LECTURE (2009)
15. ALLERGIC RHINITIS AND ASTHMA (2010)
16. DYSDYPHAGIA: DIAGNOSIS, CAUSES, TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION (2010)
17. PRACTICAL COURSE ON THE BASICS OF THE FUNCTIONAL ENDONASAL ENDOSCOPIC SINUS SURGERY (FESS) (2010)
18. PRACTICAL COURSE ON THE FUNCTIONAL ENDONASAL ENDOSCOPIC SINUS SURGERY (FESS) AND 3D-NAVIGATION SYSTEM (2011)
19. 1<sup>st</sup> TURKIYE-CROATIA-BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA ENT MEETING (2012)
20. 2<sup>nd</sup> TURKIYE-CROATIA-BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA ENT MEETING (2013)
21. 3<sup>rd</sup> TURKIYE-CROATIA-BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA ENT MEETING (2014)
22. 4<sup>th</sup> TURKIYE-CROATIA-BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA ENT MEETING (2015)
23. 5<sup>th</sup> TURKIYE-CROATIA-BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA ENT MEETING (2016)
24. 6<sup>th</sup> TURKIYE-CROATIA-BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA-SERBIA ENT MEETING (2017)
25. TINNITUS AND DECREASED SOUND TOLERANCE: CURRENT STATUS AND FUTURE TRENDS (2018)
26. RHINOSINUSOGENIC DISEASES (2022)
27. XIII Tuzla ENT School (2023)
28. 70 YEARS OF ENT CLINIC TUZLA, BOSNIA AND HERCEGOVINA (2024)

#### A LIST OF LECTURERS:

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