

25th Anniversary of First Urological Laparoscopic Surgeries in Croatia

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The first urological laparoscopic surgeries in Croatia were performed 25 years ago, and the results and video footage of those were shown at the 1st Croatian Congress of Urology in Zagreb, that took place in the Congress Centre of the “Vatroslav Lisinski” hall, from the 26th to the 28th October 1995.

Organised by the Croatian Society of Urology, all shown papers were printed in the Conference Proceedings from the 1st Croatian Urology Congress (Image 1).



N. Radović et al. showed the first experiences in laparoscopic and retroperitoneoscopic surgeries that were applied in 12 patients. The ligation of left varicocele of the spermatic bundle, staging pelvic lymphadenectomy in prostate cancer, marsupialization of a renal cyst, nephropexy of mobile kidney and pyelotomy with extraction

of concrements were the surgeries shown [1]. On that occasion, K. Benčić and Z. Filipan describe the first experiences in the diagnostics of intraabdominally placed testicles, describing three patients with cryptorchidism [2].

In the conclusions of their papers, both groups of authors foresee an increasing application of laparoscopic surgery in urology, which we have seen happening in the following years and still today.

In his commentary of the 1st Croatian Urology Congress, published in the Croatian Medical Journal, prof. dr. sc. Zvonimir Mareković, then president of the Croatian Society of Urology, states that in Croatia “at this congress, for the first time in our medical practice and literature, experiences in transperitoneal prostatectomy with extraperitoneal pelvic lymphadenectomy were shown, as well as experiences with laparoscopic surgery in urology and application of hyperthermia in treating benign prostate hyperplasia” [3].

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