

**Academician Ladislav Ožegović  
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Academician Ladislav Ožegović, born in Split, 1921, graduated from the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine in Zagreb, in October 1947. In November 1947, he was elected as an assistant at the Veterinary Medical Clinic in Zagreb, where he earned his Ph.D. in 1948. Upon his arrival in Sarajevo in 1950, at the newly established Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, he became docent for the subject of internal diseases in solipeds and carnivores. In 1952, he established a Medical Clinic at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, which he led until 1958. From 1954 to 1978 he worked at the “Dr. Simo Milošević” Dermatovenerology department as a mycologist, and later as the chief mycologist at the same laboratory. Along with his work at various laboratories, he worked as a translator at the Faculty of Veterinary Studies in Sarajevo, where he became a professor, and, after retirement, professor emeritus. He received his vast education from an international list of universities, from Great Britain to The Netherlands, France, Belgium, the United States, Costa Rica, Venezuela and Guatemala. He was part of a myriad of international conferences on mycotoxins, while publishing his work in various periodicals and academic journals; he was also the author of several books and university textbooks. From 1956 to 1976 he participated in antimycotic projects in suppressing endemic dermatophytes. From 1971, when elected as a fellow of the Department of Medical Sciences at the Academy of Sciences and Arts of Bosnia and Herzegovina, professor Ladislav Ožegović led a number of medical mycology and endemic nephropathy projects; in recognition of his achievements gained through these projects, in 1978 he was elected as a corresponding member and then as a full member of the Academy of Sciences and Arts of Bosnia and Herzegovina. He established a Committee for Medical Mycology and Endemic Nephropathy of the Department of Medical Sciences of ANUBiH where he engaged a number of established, as well as young researchers through collective projects, zealously instilling his knowledge into his pupils. In his later years, as the director of the Center for Coordination of Medical Research of ANUBiH, he led a number of academic and research projects. From his professional, academic, directorial, and tautological accomplishments one may trace the career of a true academic visionary of astonishing capabilities, whose research and academic work meant so much to the national and international medical community. Due to his great enthusiasm, altruism, and an undying pursuit for teaching, Academician Ladislav Ožegović will remain dear to many generations of students, colleagues, and friends. His work will continue to inspire his fellow scholars in their academic and medical endeavors. The death of academician Ladislav Ožegović is a huge loss to the Department of Medical Sciences and the Academy of Sciences and Arts of Bosnia and Herzegovina.