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# Častni nazivi in priznanja Univerze v Novi Gorici

*zaslužni profesor*  
*prof. dr. Boštjan Žekš*

*častni član*  
*prof. dr. Paolo Samorì*

*zlata plaketa*  
*mag. Mitja Jermol*

*častni doktorat*  
*prof. dr. Igor D. Gregorič*

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## Zaslужni profesor Univerze v Novi Gorici – *professor emeritus* – prof. dr. Boštjan Žekš

Senat Univerze v Novi Gorici je na seji 5. julija 2017 sklenil, da priznanje za-  
služni profesor Univerze v Novi Gorici – professor emeritus – prejme prof. dr.  
Boštjan Žekš za postavitev vrhunskih standardov pedagoške in znanstvene  
dejavnosti na Univerzi v Novi Gorici.

Prof. dr. Boštjan Žekš je leta 1972 doktoriral iz fizikalnih znanosti na Univerzi  
v Ljubljani. Leta 1977 postal docent, 1987 pa redni profesor za biofiziko na  
Medicinski fakulteti v Ljubljani. Deloval je tudi kot redni profesor za fiziko na  
Fakulteti za matematiko in fiziko Univerze v Ljubljani ter znanstveni svetnik v  
Odseku za teoretično fiziko Instituta Jožef Stefan. V letih 1972–1973 je bil kot  
štipendist Humboldtove ustanove na strokovnem izpopolnjevanju na univer-  
zi v Frankfurtu na Majni v Nemčiji, v letih 1973–1975 in 1980 pa je bil zaposlen  
kot redni profesor na univerzi v Recifu v Braziliji.

Raziskovalno je deloval na področju teoretične fizike in biofizike in je skupaj  
s sodelavci pomembno prispeval k boljšemu razumevanju statičnih in dina-  
mičnih lastnosti feroelektričnih kristalov z vodikovimi vezmi, uvedel teoretski  
model za popis feroelektričnih in antiferoelektričnih tekočih kristalov in skupaj  
s sodelavci pojasnil fizikalne vzroke za različne oblike rdečih krvnih celic.

Za svoje znanstvene dosežke je prejel nagrado Sklada Borisa Kidriča (1980),  
Kidričevo nagrado (1988, skupaj z A. Levstikom) in nagrado Republike Sloveni-  
je za znanstvenoraziskovalno delo (1993, skupaj s S. Svetino).

Izredni član SAZU je postal 23. aprila 1987, redni član pa 30. maja 1991. Po-  
leg funkcij tajnika in načelnika oddelka za matematične, fizikalne in kemijske  
vede III. razreda SAZU med letoma 1994 in 2002 je bil prof. Žekš v obdobju  
2002–2008 tudi predsednik SAZU.

Ob vsem zgoraj navedenem je bilo delo prof. dr. Boštjana Žekša od leta 1995  
neločljivo povezano tudi z Univerzo v Novi Gorici, kjer je vse do konca leta 2014  
deloval kot redni profesor na današnji Fakulteti za naravoslovje, kjer je bil preda-  
vatelj in nosilec predmeta Biofizika. Pustil je tudi neizbrisen pečat pri nastanku in

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razvoju Univerze v Novi Gorici kot član ustanovnega senata prve predhodnice Univerze v Novi Gorici, Fakultete za znanosti o okolju, ki jo je kot dekan v letih 1995–1997 tudi vodil. Leta 1998 je bil imenovan za predstojnika Politehniko Nova Gorica, v katero je bila preoblikovana Fakulteta za znanosti o okolju. Politehniko Nova Gorica je kot predstojnik vodil vse do leta 2006, ko je pridobila status univerze, nato pa je bil do leta 2008 tudi predstojnik Univerze v Novi Gorici.

S svojim velikim ugledom v slovenskem in mednarodnem akademskem prostoru je prof. Žekš mladi instituciji pomagal utirati prve, a ključne korake v vse bolj tekmovalnem visokošolskem in znanstvenoraziskovalnem svetu. Pri tem je s svojimi bogatimi izkušnjami pomagal usmerjati univerzo v ustrezna in strateška raziskovalna področja ter študijske programe. Obenem pa je postavljaj visoke standarde na področju znanstvene odličnosti, brez katerih Univerza v Novi Gorici danes ne bi bila v vseh pogledih vrhunsko in mednarodno priznana ter po znanstvenih dosežkih vodilna univerza v Sloveniji.

Prof. dr. Boštjan Žekš je tako s svojim mednarodnim ugledom in delovanjem, akademskim vodenjem univerze kot tudi z vzornim pedagoškim delom pomembno prispeval k uveljavitvi in ugledu Univerze v Novi Gorici doma in v svetu.

*At its session on 5 July 2017, the Senate of the University of Nova Gorica reached the decision to award the title of professor emeritus of the University of Nova Gorica to Prof. Dr. Boštjan Žekš for setting excellency standards for pedagogical and scientific activities at the University of Nova Gorica.*

*Prof. Dr. Boštjan Žekš received his PhD in Physics at the University of Ljubljana in 1972. In 1977, he became an Assistant Professor, and in 1987 a Full Professor of Biophysics at the Faculty of Medicine in Ljubljana. He also worked as a Full Professor of Physics at the Faculty of Mathematics and Physics of the University of Ljubljana, and as a Research Councilor at the Theoretical Physics Department of the Jožef Stefan Institute. Between 1972 and 1973, he was on a Humboldt scholarship and went to a university in Frankfurt am Main to further improve his research. Between 1973 and 1975, as well as in 1980, he was a Full Professor at a university in Recife, Brazil.*

His research was focused on the fields of theoretic physics and biophysics. With his colleagues, he helped contribute to a better understanding of static



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and dynamic characteristic of ferroelectric crystals with hydrogen bonds; he introduced a theoretical model for the description of ferroelectric and anti-ferroelectric liquid crystals, and, with his associates, explained the physical reasons for different shapes of red blood cells.

His achievements brought him the Boris Kidrič Fund Award (1980), Kidrič Award (1988, together with A. Levstik), and the Scientific-research Award of the Republic of Slovenia (1993, together with S. Svetina).

On 23 April 1987, Prof. Žekš became an associate member of the SASA, and a full member on 30 May 1991. He was entrusted with the functions of the head and secretary of the Section III of Mathematical, Physical, Chemical and Technical Sciences at SASA from 1994 until 2002, and became the president of the SASA in the 2002–2008 period.

*In addition to the above, since 1995, the work of Prof. Dr. Boštjan Žekš was closely linked with the University of Nova Gorica, where he was a Full Professor of the Biophysics at today's School of Sciences until the end of 2014. His managerial role left an indelible mark on the establishment and development of the University of Nova Gorica, as he was a member of the founding senate of the first predecessor of the University of Nova Gorica, the School of Environmental Sciences, where he was also the dean in the years 1995–1997. In 1998, he was elected as the Provost of the Nova Gorica Polytechnic, which replaced the School of Environmental Sciences. He led the Nova Gorica Polytechnic until 2006, when it became the University of Nova Gorica, where he was the Provost until 2008.*

*Prof. Žekš used his considerable reputation in the Slovene and international academic field to help the young institution take its first crucial steps in the increasingly competitive world of university education and scientific research. He also used his wealth of experiences to steer the University towards suitable strategic research fields and study programmes. All the while, he set high scientific excellence standards, without which the University of Nova Gorica could not have become the excellent and internationally recognised university it is today, nor the leading university in Slovenia regarding scientific achievements.*

*Prof. Dr. Boštjan Žekš with his international reputation and activities, academic management of the University, and exemplary pedagogical work played an important role in establishing the presence and reputation of the University of Nova Gorica in Slovenia and abroad.*

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## Častni član Univerze v Novi Gorici prof. dr. Paolo Samorí

Senat Univerze v Novi Gorici je na seji 10. maja 2017 sklenil, da priznanje častni član Univerze v Novi Gorici prejme prof. dr. Paolo Samorí za izjemen prispevek k razvoju znanstvene odličnosti Univerze v Novi Gorici na področju organske elektronike.

Profesor Paolo Samorí, direktor Instituta za supramolekularno znanost in tehnologijo na Univerzi v Strasbourgu, se v svoji znanstveni dejavnosti posveča vrsti problemov, ki so povezani s povezavo arhitekture in funkcije kompleksnih supramolekularnih večkomponentnih materialnih sistemov. Pri tem se osredotoča na tiste molekule, ki izkazujejo visoko gibljivost nosilcev naboja oziroma visoko stopnjo občutljivosti na svetlobo.

Na Univerzi v Strasbourgu vodi raziskovalno skupino, ki šteje 34 članov. Je soavtor preko 250 člankov v mednarodnih revijah s faktorjem vpliva. S h-indeksom 52 posega v sam vrh svoje generacije znanstvenikov. Je član znanstvenega sveta ESF-EUROCORES, član sveta korporacije BASF in predstavnik Royal Society of Chemistry v Franciji. Je tudi član uredniških odborov številnih revij s področja fizikalne kemije, kemije organskih molekul in znanosti o materialih. Od leta 2003 je sodeloval ali vodil raziskovalne projekte, katerih skupna vrednost presega 11 milijonov evrov.

Profesor Samorí je že več let tesno povezan tudi z Laboratorijem za fiziko organskih snovi Univerze v Novi Gorici (LFOS). Sodelovanje se je začelo leta 2007 v okviru projekta MONA-LISA na področju merjenja časovne odvisnosti toka fotovzbujenih nosilcev naboja v tankih organskih polprevodniških slojih. Skupno delo so nadaljevali v projektih 7OP ONE-P in GOSPEL. V letih 2010–2011 so izvedli vrsto eksperimentov, s katerimi so pokazali na možnost izdelave organskega fototranzistorja. Sodelovanje med LFOS in skupino prof. Samoríja so nadaljevali na področju eksperimentov, s katerimi so pokazali na vlogo grafenskih nanodelcev na gibljivost nosilcev naboja v polimerni matriki. Sodelovanje med LFOS in skupino prof. Samoríja se je v naslednjih letih stopnjevalo z rednimi obiski francoskih raziskovalcev v LFOS, kjer so sodelovali pri merjenjih optičnega odziva molekulskih sistemov, ki so jih sintetizirali v

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Franciji. Rezultate teh raziskav, ki so pokazale na možnost izdelave organskih spominskih elementov, so lani skupaj objavili v reviji Nature Nanotechnology.

V naslednjem sklopu skupnih eksperimentov so se posvetili raziskavam supra-molekularnih nanožic, v katerih je generacija ekscitonov zaradi visoke absorptivnosti in izjemne občutljivosti na svetlobo, ki je posledica nizke gostote mej med zrni in visokega razmerja med površino in prostornino, zelo pogosta. V laboratorijih prof. Samorija so izdelali strukture, ki so vsebovale hkratno povezavo stotin supramolekularnih žic, ki so jih tvorile molekule polimera PTCDI-C8 v šesterokotni nanometrski mreži z asimetričnimi elektrodami. V LFOS so izmerili časovno odvisnost odziva takih struktur na svetlobne bliske. Rezultate so objavili v skupni objavi leta 2016 v reviji Nature Nanotechnology.

*At its session on 10 May 2017, the Senate of the University of Nova Gorica reached the decision to grant Prof. Dr. Paolo Samorì the Honorary Member of the University of Nova Gorica Award for his contribution to the development of scientific excellence at the University of Nova Gorica in the field of organic electronics.*

*Professor Paolo Samorì, director of the Institute for Supra-molecular Science and Technology at the University of Strasbourg, dedicated his scientific career to a wide range of problems related to linking the architecture and function of complex supra-molecular multi-component material systems. His focus is on molecules that show a high mobility of charge carriers or a high degree of sensitivity to light.*

*At the University of Strasbourg, he leads a research group of 34 members. He has co-authored over 250 articles in international journals with high impact factor. With an h-index of 52, he belongs among the very best scientists of his generation. He is a member of the scientific council ESF-EUROCORES, a board member of the BASF corporation and representative of the Royal Society of Chemistry in France. He is also a member of several editorial boards of international journals in the fields of chemistry, organic chemistry and material science. Since 2003, he led or participated in research projects whose total value exceeds € 11 million.*

*For several years, professor Samorì has closely collaborated with the Laboratory of Organic Matter Physics at the University of Nova Gorica. The collaboration started in 2007, with the MONA-LISA project, which was focused on measuring*

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*time dependence of photogenerated current carriers in thin organic semiconductor layers. The joint work continued with the projects ONE-P and GOSPEL. In the years 2010–2011, a number of experiments were conducted, which opened the road to the construction of an organic phototransistor. The collaboration between the LOMP and Prof. Samorí's group continued with the experiments that exposed the influence of graphene nanoparticles on the mobility of charge carriers in polymer matrix. In the following years, the LOMP and Prof. Samorí's group worked even closer, with regular visits of French researchers at the LOMP, where they participated in measurements of the optical response of molecular systems, which were synthesized in France. The results of this research, which exposed the possibility of building organic memory elements, were published last year in a joint article in the Nature Nanotechnology journal.*

*The next set of joint experiments was dedicated to the research of supramolecular nanowires, in which the generation of excitons caused by high absorbability and high light-sensitivity, which is caused by low density of grain boundaries and high surface-to-volume ratio, is very frequent. The laboratories of Prof. Samorí constructed structures from polymer PTCDI-C8 molecules in a hexagonal nanometer lattice with asymmetric electrodes, in which hundreds of supramolecular wires were connected at the same time. LOMP measured time dependence of such structures to light flashes. The results were published in a joint publication in 2016 in the Nature Nanotechnology journal.*

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## Zlata plaketa Univerze v Novi Gorici mag. Mitja Jermol

Upravni odbor Univerze v Novi Gorici je na seji 23. marca 2017 sklenil, da priznanje zlata plaketa Univerze v Novi Gorici prejme mag. Mitja Jermol za pomemben prispevek k razvoju materialnih možnosti Univerze v Novi Gorici.

Univerza v Novi Gorici si ob raziskovalni odličnosti prizadeva doseči visoko kakovost in mednarodno prepoznavnost tudi na pedagoškem področju. Možnosti, ki jih univerzi omogoča mag. Mitja Jermol s svojo ekipo projekta Videolectures, so pomembne za doseganje tega cilja.

Mitja Jermol se ukvarja z aplikacijami umetne inteligence in je sodeloval v več kot 20 evropskih raziskovalnih projektih. Z izobraževanjem se je začel ukvarjati leta 1996, ko je prevzel vodenje razvoja v izobraževalnem založništvu Državne založbe Slovenije. Že takrat je v ospredje postavil informacijske tehnologije v izobraževanju. Želi, da bi poučevanje šlo v korak s časom in da generacij prihodnosti ne bi ukalupljali z metodami preteklosti. Za to si prizadeva tudi kot vodja Centra za prenos znanja na področju informacijskih tehnologij na Institutu Jožef Stefan, ki upravlja spletni portal Videolectures.Net. Unesco je temu portalu leta 2009 na World Summit Award podelil nagrado v kategoriji ponujanja znanstvenih vsebin, leta 2013 pa še za najboljši izobraževalni izdelek desetletja.

Mitja Jermol si prizadeva, da bi bilo izobraževanje zasnovano tako, da bi vsakdo imel možnost razviti svoje potenciale. Energija, s katero se loteva tega cilja, se zdi neizčrpna. V Slovenijo je pripeljal Unescovo katedro o tehnologijah za prosto dostopne izobraževalne vire in odprto učenje, ki jo tudi vodi. Je eden od direktorjev fundacije Knowledge4All s sedežem v Londonu in član številnih mednarodnih združenj, ki ob dejavnostih na vseh koncih sveta uspe tudi svet pripeljati k nam. Po njegovi zaslugi je bila Slovenija izbrana za gostiteljico drugega svetovnega kongresa Unesca o odprtih izobraževalnih virih septembra 2017 v Ljubljani.

Mitja Jermol je vzpostavil nacionalno iniciativo za odprto izobraževanje "Opening Up Slovenia". V njej od samega začetka deluje tudi Univerza v Novi Gorici.

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Mitja Jermol jo je prepoznal kot institucijo, ki bi lahko hitro in celovito implementirala inovativne rešitve v izobraževanju ter postala vzorčni model na tem področju. Ker pa to ni mogoče brez vlaganj v infrastrukturo in začetne aktivnosti, je univerzo podprl s tem, da ji je olajšal dostop do infrastrukture in storitev centra, ki ga vodi. Omogočil ji je zagon snemanja in objavljanja posnetkov predavanj, ki se jih je od začetkov leta 2014 do danes nabralo že za 320 ur. V primerjavi s komercialnimi cenami snemanj, postprodukcije in gostovanja na portalu Videolecures.Net je Univerza v Novi Gorici od leta 2014 do danes prihranila sredstva v vrednosti več kot 50.000 evrov. K temu je treba prišteti še dostop do avtomatiziranega podnaslavljanja predavanj v slovenskem in angleškem jeziku, ki ga je finančno sicer težko ovrednotiti, je pa pomembna pridobitev za študij v jezikovno mešanih kontekstih. Z vsem navedenim je Mitja Jermol pomembno prispeval k razvoju materialnih možnosti Univerze v Novi Gorici.

*At its session on 23 March 2017, the Governing Board of the University of Nova Gorica reached a decision to award the Golden Plate of the University of Nova Gorica to Mitja Jermol, MSc for important contribution towards the development of material opportunities for the University of Nova Gorica.*

*In addition to research excellency, the University of Nova Gorica is striving for high quality and international recognition also in the pedagogic field. The opportunities afforded to the University by Mitja Jermol, MSc and his team on the Videolecures project are of great importance for achieving this goal.*

*Mitja Jermol is working on artificial intelligence applications and has participated in more than 20 European research projects. His involvement with the educational field first started in 1996, when he took over as head of the development at the educational publishing department of the Slovene national publishing house DZS. From the start, his priorities were information technologies in education. He wants the teachings to keep in touch with the times and to not restrain the generations of future using the methods of the past. This is also his goal as the head of the Centre for Knowledge Transfer in Information Technologies at the Jožef Stefan Institute, which manages the Videolecures.Net portal. At the World Summit Award 2009, the portal received UNESCO's award in the Learning and Education category, and in 2013, the award for the best educational product of the decade.*

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*Mitja Jermol wants the educational system to be organised in a way that allows everybody to develop their potentials. The energy he dedicates to this goal seems endless. He is also the chair of the UNESCO Chair on Open Technologies for Open Educational Resources and Open Learning, which he brought to Slovenia. He is one of the directors of the Knowledge4All Foundation, with head offices in London. Mitja Jermol is a member of numerous international associations and participates in activities all over the world, while also bringing the world to us. Thanks to him, Slovenia was chosen as a host of the UNESCO's second World Open Educational Resources Congress, which was held in 2017 in Ljubljana.*

*He also established the national open education initiative "Opening Up Slovenia". The University of Nova Gorica has been part of the initiative from the very beginning. Mitja Jermol recognised us as an institution with the potential for quick and comprehensive implementation of innovative educational solutions, which could become a model example in this field. Since this would not be possible without investments into infrastructure and initial activities, Mitja Jermol supported the University by giving it access to the infrastructure and services of the Centre under his leadership. This allowed the university to start filming and publishing videos of lectures, resulting in 320 hours of lectures since 2014. Compared to the commercial prices of filming, post-production and hosting, the use of the Videolectures.Net allowed the University of Nova Gorica to save more than EUR 50,000 funds since 2014. We must also take into account the access to automatized subtitling of the lectures in Slovene and English, which is hard to estimate financially, but is undoubtedly an important acquisition for education in mixed-language situations. With all of the above, Mitja Jermol significantly contributed to the development of material opportunities of the University of Nova Gorica.*

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## Častni doktorat Univerze v Novi Gorici – *doctor honoris causa* – prof. dr. Igor D. Gregorič

Senat Univerze v Novi Gorici je na seji 15. marca 2017 sklenil, da priznanje častni doktorat Univerze v Novi Gorici – *doctor honoris causa* – prejme prof. dr. Igor D. Gregorič za izjemne znanstvene in strokovne dosežke na področju kardiologije.

Prof. dr. Igor D. Gregorič je leta 1979 diplomiral na Medicinski fakulteti Univerze v Ljubljani. Leta 1982 je pričel specializacijo iz splošne kirurgije, ki jo je opravil v Splošni bolnišnici Nova Gorica in v Univerzitetnem kliničnem centru v Ljubljani. Specializacijo je nadaljeval na inštitutu Texas Heart Institute v Houstonu v ZDA, kjer je leta 1996 končal specializacijo iz splošne kirurgije, leta 1998 pa še specializacijo iz kardiovaskularne in torakalne kirurgije. Istega leta se je zaposlil v bolnišnici St. Lukes Episcopal Hospital v Houstonu ter leta 2001 postal pomočnik vodje transplantacijskega oddelka. Med letoma 2008 in 2012 je bil direktor raziskovalnega centra za mehansko podporo cirkulacije krvi. Od leta 2012 je programski direktor Centra za napredovalo srčno popuščanje in transplantacijo v bolnišnici Memorial Hermann Hospital v Houstonu. Hkrati je tudi direktor raziskovalnega centra in profesor torakalne in vaskularne kirurgije na univerzi Texas Medical School and Anderson Cancer Center v ZDA.

Prof. dr. Igor D. Gregorič je bil pobudnik razvoja mehanske podpore pri bolniških s srčnim popuščanjem. S kolegi je razvil različne tipe in sisteme mehanskih srčnih črpalk, ki se danes rutinsko uporabljajo v vrhunskih zdravstvenih ustanovah po svetu. Sodeloval je tudi pri razvoju novih pristopov pri posegih na koronarnih arterijah. Proučeval je varnost bioloških protez ter zaplete, ki so posledica vstavitve umetnih materialov, zlasti tromboembolične komplikacije. Prof. dr. Igor D. Gregorič je eden najuspešnejših srčnih kirurgov, ki izvajajo transplantacijo srca. Poleg tega je dejaven tudi na raziskovalnem področju. Vodil je številne raziskovalne projekte, kjer so proučevali učinkovitost različnih metod transplantacije srca. Skupaj s sodelavci je objavil 204 znanstvene publikacije in 15 poglavij v strokovnih knjigah ter ima 2064 citatov. Za svoje raziskovalno in strokovno delo je prejel številna priznanja, med katerimi izstopajo American Heart Association Medical HONORE 2014, Hipokratovo priznanje Zdravniške



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zbornice Slovenije in priznanje Best doctors of America v letih 2010 in 2011. Prof. dr. Igor D. Gregorič je eden vodilnih srčnih kirurgov v ZDA z izjemnim ugledom v svetu. Je izjemen zdravnik in znanstvenik, ki je s svojim delom pomembno prispeval k razvoju medicinskih znanosti na področju kardiologije in s tem nedvomno obogatil svetovno zakladnico znanja. Svoje delo je posvetil dobrobiti človeštva.

*At its session on 15 March 2017, the Senate of the University of Nova Gorica made the decision to award the title of an honorary doctor of the University of Nova Gorica – doctor honoris causa – to Prof. Dr. Igor D. Gregorič for extraordinary scientific and professional achievements in the field of cardiology.*

*Prof. Dr. Igor D. Gregorič, graduated in 1979 from the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Ljubljana. In 1982, he began specialisation training in general surgery at the General hospital in Nova Gorica and at the University Medical Centre in Ljubljana. He continued his specialisation training at the Texas Heart Institute in Houston, Texas, USA, where he first finished his general surgery specialisation in 1996, followed by a cardiovascular and thoracic surgery specialisation in 1998. The same year, he started working in the St. Luke's Episcopal hospital in Houston, where he was promoted to the position of the assistant head of the transplant department in 2001. Between the years 2008 and 2012, he was the director of the research centre for mechanical blood flow support. Since 2012 he has been the director of the Centre for Advanced Heart Failure and Transplantation at the Memorial Hermann Hospital in Houston. He is also the director of the research centre and a professor of thoracic and vascular surgery at the Texas Medical School and Anderson Cancer Center in the USA.*

*Prof. Dr. Igor D. Gregorič was one of the first to initiate the development of mechanical support for patients with heart failure. He and his colleagues developed different types and systems of mechanical heart pumps which are now routinely used at the top medical facilities all over the world. He also collaborated in the development of new treatments for coronary arteries. He studied the safety of biological prostheses and the complications which can arise from the insertion of artificial materials, especially thromboembolic complications.*

*Prof. Dr. Igor D. Gregorič, is one of the most successful heart transplant surgeons. He is also active in research. He led many research projects on the topic of efficiency of different heart transplant methods. Together with his colleagues, he published*

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*204 scientific publications and 15 chapters in scientific monographs. He has been cited 2064-times. He received numerous awards for his research and work, notably the American Heart Association Medical HONORE 2014, the Hippocrates award of the Medical Chamber of Slovenia and the Best Doctors of America Award 2010 and 2011.*

*Prof. Dr. Igor D. Gregorič is one of the leading heart surgeons in the USA with a worldwide reputation. He is an incredible doctor and scientist, whose work furthered the development of medical science, especially in the field of cardiology, enriching the world treasury of knowledge. He dedicated his work to the good of mankind.*

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