



A CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF HEALTH CULTURE HISTORY
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Professor Dr Jovan Tucakov is recognised as one of the most prominent Serbian scientists. He graduated at the Faculties of Pharmacy in Zagreb and Nancy and worked as a professor of Farmacognosy since the foundation of the Faculty of Pharmacy in Belgrade until his retirement.

The Section for History of Medicine at Serbian Medical Society was founded in 1950 and its name was changed to Section for History of Medicine and Pharmacy after it gained new members - pharmacists, one of them being Tucakov. This Section was the first ever founded and the only History Section in the former Yugoslavia. Yugoslav Society for History of Medicine, Pharmacy and Veterinary Science was founded in Belgrade during the 8th Yugoslavian Congress of Surgeons on October 27-28th 1955.

During almost half of the century of his scientific work, professor Tucakov published several hundred essays, most of them being related to Pharmacognosy itself, but also some papers concerning health culture history, mostly dealing with the use of herbs in Yugoslavia. He was the author of the first textbook of Farmacognosy ever written in Serbian, as well as many studies and papers on the medical properties of local flora. He became a member of several academies: Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts (1961), French Academy of Pharmacy (1965), French Academy of Cosmetology and Dermatology (1968) and a long life member of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain. In 1965 professor Tucakov was appointed the honorary PhD from the University of Clermont-Ferrand (France). He also received Lavoisier medal in 1969, and a medal from Yugoslav Government in 1972. He was the founder and director of the Institute for Medicinal Plant Research Dr Josif Pancic in Belgrade for a long period of time and was buried at the Alley of the Most Prominent Citizens in Belgrade.