



ANDRIJA MIRKOVIC - THE FIRST PROFESSOR OF HISTORY OF PHARMACY AT THE FACULTY OF PHARMACY IN BELGRADE AND THE FOUNDER OF HISTORY OF PHARMACY MUSEUM

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Professor Andrija Mirkovic, was born on the 24th of September in Vojvodina, Serbia. He graduated at the Faculty of Pharmacy in Kolozvar, Hungary. Between 1919 and 1931 he performed several important public functions.

He contributed greatly to the development of pharmaceutical profession between World War I and World War II participating in the generation of pharmaceutical legislation in Yugoslavia and institution of Pharmaceutical Chamber. He published many handbooks, helping pharmacists in their everyday work and had an important contribution to the institution of Faculty of Pharmacy in Belgrade between 1939 and 1945. When the subject History of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Ethics was introduced in the curriculum for the first time in 1951, he was appointed to be the first lecturer. After founding the History of Pharmacy Museum at the Faculty of Pharmacy in Belgrade, he was its first appointed director. He got his PhD in the History of Pharmacy in 1960. He retired in 1958 and died on the 16th of August 1970 in Novi Sad.

Professor Andrija Mirkovic published over 300 papers and essays on different domains in pharmacy science, especially the history of pharmacy in domestic and international journals. From 1919 to 1957, with the exception in 1932-1934, he edited professional journals such as Apothecary Voice (*Glas apotekarstva*), Archive of Pharmacy (*Arhiv za farmaciju*) and Medical Supply (*Medicinsko snabdevanje*). During 1926-1930 he was a member of editorial Bulletin de la Fédération internationale pharmaceutique - *Revue internationale de pharmacie*.

During establishing the History of Pharmacy Museum at the Faculty of Pharmacy in Belgrade he donated his whole collection of artefacts and archive material representing the most valuable part of the Museum and in that way he contributed greatly in preserving our national pharmaceutical heritage.