# School of Medicine, University of Zagreb

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The **School of Medicine** (Croatian: *Medicinski fakultet* or MEF) in Zagreb is a Croatian medical school affiliated with the University of Zagreb. It is the oldest and biggest of the four medical schools in Croatia (the other three being in Osijek, Rijeka and Split), having been established in 1917 and with 1,775 students enrolled as of 2008.

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**Type** Public

**Dean** Davor Miličić

**Location** Zagreb, Croatia

Affiliations University of Zagreb

Website mef.hr (http://www.mef.hr/)

## **History**

The School of Medicine in Zagreb was originally envisioned as one of the four founding members of the modern University of Zagreb in the Croatian Parliament's piece of legislation passed on 13 January 1874, at the time when Kingdom of Croatia-Slavonia was a constituent part of Austria-Hungary.

The university was officially inaugurated by Ivan Mažuranić on 19 October 1874. The Faculty of Catholic Theology and the Faculty of Law had already been operating and the Faculty of Philosophy was launched that year with the first generation of students. However, the School of Medicine's official launch was postponed due to lack of funding. This situation prolonged and the school had to wait for more than 40 years to open its doors to students.

On 13 November 1917 the Croatian Parliament passed a decree, approved by the Viennese Court Chancellory (*Hofkanzlei*), which stipulated that the School of Medicine is to be established, and that three professors are to be appointed to organise the school and hire the required teaching staff. Thus, the school's first professors became Theodor Wickerhauser, Miroslav Čačković and Dragutin Mašek. On 17 December 1917 the first professors' conference was held, and this date is officially celebrated as the school's day. The very first lecture was held on 12 January 1918, delivered by professor Drago Perović.

In the following years, the school significantly expanded its teaching staff, and a number of specialised clinics affiliated with the school were established, such as the clinics forinternal medicine (1920), obstetrics and gynaecology (1920), neuropsychiatry (1921), otolaryngology (1921), pediatrics (1922), dermatology and venereal diseases (1922), orthopedics (1922), stomatology (1922), and an institute for radiology and occupational therapy (1922).

In the early 1980s the school moved into their new central building in the Salata neighborhood in northern Zagreb. The building was officially opened on 25 May 1981, when Frano Kršinić's sculpture *Girl Holding a Book (Djevojka s knjigom*) was unveiled.

## **Deans**

- 1917–1919 -Miroslav Čačković
- 1919–1920 Boris Zarnik
- 1933–1934 Franjo Kogoj
- 1934–1935 Ernest Mayerhofer
- 1951–1952 Franjo Kogoj
- 1952–1957 Andrija Štampar
- 1994–1997 NikoZurak
- 1997–2000 Zvonko Kusić

- 1920–1921 Fran
  Smetanka
- 1921–1922 Fran Bubanović
- 1922–1923 Emil
  Prašek
- 1923–1924 Dragutin Mašek
- 1924–1925 Miroslav Čačković
- 1925–1926 Fran
  Smetanka
- 1926–1927 Karlo Radoničić
- 1927–1928 Julije Budisavljević
- 1928–1929 Albert Botteri
- 1929–1930 FranjoDurst
- 1930–1931 Fran Bubanović
- 1931–1932 Karlo Radoničić
- 1932–1933 -Sergije Saltykow

- 1935–1936 Laza Popović
- 1936–1937 Ante Šercer
- 1937–1938 Božidar Špišić
- 1938–1939 Fran
  Smetanka
- 1939–1940 Ivan
  Botteri
- 1940–1941 -Andrija Štampar
- 1941–1943 -Božidar Špišić
- 1943–1945 Ante Šercer
- 1945–1947 -Branimir Gušić
- 1947–1948 -Radoslav Lopašić
- 1948–1949 FranjoKogoj
- 1949–1950 Ivan
  Čupar
- 1950–1951 -Stjepan Vidaković

- 1957–1958 Fran Mihaljević
- 1958–1960 -Branimir Gušić
- 1960–1963 ArpadHahn
- 1963–1966 JosipFališevac
- 1966–1970 -Sergije Dogan
- 1970–1975 Anton Zimolo
- 1975–1978 -Zvonimir Krajina
- 1978–1982 Mladen Sekso
- 1982–1985 -Ljubomir Čečuk
- 1985–1989 Nijaz
  Hadžić
- 1989–1990 Želimir Jakšić
- 1990–1992 Mate Granić
- 1992–1994 Ivica Kostović

# See also

- University of Zagreb
- School of Medicine, University of Split

#### References

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2000–2004 - BorisLabar

 2004–2009 - Nada Čikeš

2009– - Davor Miličić