

SCS book letters

Dear Henry,

Zagreb, 22nd December, 1995

I wished to write to you many weeks ago, but this letter was always postponed for some reason. At least two reasons for that were - that my English is far from a good one, and second, that I do not have your real address now that you are, I assume, retired. I addressed this letter to DIVISION OF EPIDEMIOLOGY hoping it would reach you.

Reading your "On the trail of heart attacks..." I enjoyed very much and was at the same time very touched by the remembrance of the days passed, past time and past youth! I am very proud of being a member of the team that undertook the study "Coronary heart disease in seven countries", of actively taking at least a little part - in Serbia (V. Krsna), Netherlands (Zutwen), Greece (Corfu, Crete), Finland (Ilomantsi), USA and of course in Dalmatia and Slavonia where we have been collecting data for 35 years.

It is a remarkably long period of time in comparison with 219 years that passed since the Independence Day of 1776! Too many friends that were with us from the beginning are now dead (as Kimura, Roine, Taylor, Orma, Djordjević, Hahn, Grgić) as are probably many others that are not known to me.

I must say that my participation in this study changed my life fundamentally: I got to know so many excellent people many of which became my friends.

Dear Henry, I would like once again to express many thanks for nice days we spent together on Crete, in Yugoslavia and in Minnesota!

Seasons' greetings and a happy New Year with kindest regards

Ivan & family /
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