

## IN MEMORIAM



It is with great sadness and regret that we must announce the passing of former Secretary and important Founding member of the Slovenian Association of Pediatric Surgeons dr. Silvo Lipovšek on June 9<sup>th</sup>.

He was a dedicated advocate for the welfare of children and invested much of his time and energy into the recognition of Pediatric surgery as a surgical speciality in Slovenia. He was also a respected member of the global pediatric surgical community, Slovenia's representative in WOFAPS and member of the UEMS Section and Board of Pediatric surgery. He was President of the Organizing committee of the Eastern and Central Postgraduate course in Pediatric Surgery in Maribor, 2011, and of the 16<sup>th</sup> EUPSA congress in Ljubljana, 2015.

Dr. Lipovšek was born in 1948 in Argentina, obtaining his medical degree and starting his residency in Pediatric surgery in Buenos Aires, where he also pursued his academic career and became professor of Pediatric surgery. He continued his surgical training in the United States, focusing on colorectal pediatric and neonatal surgery. He was very active in the Argentinean Medical Chamber dealing with the organisational and administrative overview and continuous improvements to the programme of the pediatric surgery speciality.

He moved to Slovenia in 2003, following his dream and focusing his organisational experience, unwavering will and strength into establishing a Pediatric surgery speciality, which became a reality in 2015. He was Head of the Pediatric Surgery Department at the University Medical Centre Maribor from 2015-2020 and still actively pursued his vocation and calling until just a few months ago.

His enthusiasm and leadership inspired many. His memory will forever hold a special place in our hearts as he will be sorely missed.

At this difficult time we would also like to express our condolences to his beloved Judita, as well as his children and grandchildren and to his many friends around the globe. We are only left to say **THANK YOU; SILVO!**