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### Obituary: Dr. Milenko Markovic August 30, 2012

It is with regret and sadness we announce the sudden passing of our dear friend and colleague, Dr. Milenko Markovic.

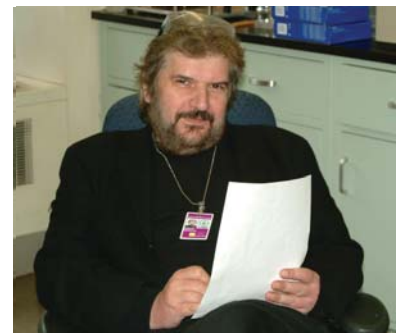
A graduate of the University of Zagreb, Milenko first came to the Paffenbarger Research Center as a Fulbright Scholar in 1986. He continued to receive his education and work experience in both Croatia and in the U.S. until he joined the PRC in 1991. His tremendous knowledge and experience in inorganic and physical chemistry came to fruition in his work on calcium phosphate cements with Dr. Larry Chow, with whom he spent a majority of his career at PRC.

With over 80+ publications in his name, Milenko has been honored with several awards throughout his collegiate and work career, including the above mentioned, highly respected Fulbright Scholarship and the Josip Juraj Strossmayer award from the Croatian Academy of Sciences. He was also an invited speaker at the Gordon Conference on Calcium Phosphates. He has contributed to the field of dental chemistry and biomineralization by consistently participating as a publication reviewer for several international journals. Most recently he had begun collaborations on standard reference materials with Dartmouth University and the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

Humor and the ability to mentor were a common theme when friends and colleagues were asked about Milenko. From his short teaching career in Croatia to his years at the PRC where he freely gave of his time to students and colleagues alike, under Milenko's tutelage colleagues were able to improve their technical communication skills. He is described as, "Professorial", by Gary Schumacher, PRC Director of Administration and Chief of Clinical Research. "He's an educator. No doubt about it."

"Milenko had a tremendous ability to work with younger generations. They really loved and respected him," adds Drago Skrtic, PRC Senior Project Leader and close friend of over 30 years, "I believe the time he spent with them was the greatest time of his life."

Milenko is survived by his sister in Zagreb, Croatia, and will be missed by a large local and international community of friends.

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