

In the Eve of the New Year

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I would have liked to write about one of the articles published in this issue of the AMM. Research is rewarding and any effort to improve the patients' outcome is to be encouraged. The year 2016 comes to an end shaking dramatically the medical "parochial society" of the home town of this journal.

The now national emergency medical system was born in Tg.Mures and one of the volunteers while still a student was a remarkable young anaesthetist and PhD student, Orsolya Benedek (Orshee for her next of kin). She was a member of the Anaesthesia and Intensive Care Chair of the University of Medicine and Pharmacy in Tg.Mures. The University lost this autumn not only the first professor of Anaesthesia and Intensive Care in our region, Prof Mircea Chiorean and a supporter of emergency medicine, but also one of the newest members of the chair, Dr Orsolya Benedek. While the professor passed away peacefully among his former students, Orshee was stripped brutally this chance.

Young and bold, she faced all the challenges upfront. She was in the middle of a research on apoptosis as part of her PhD thesis, published and presented her work at the National Congresses during the last two years [1]. Her well-developed sense of humour drove her to assess the journey of a resident during a shift by counting the number of the steps with an application on her mobile phone. The way she presented the results of her research raised awareness as to the exhausted residents at risk to develop a burn-out syndrome [2]. Smiling and apparently calm, she managed to burry deep in herself her worries, fears or doubts while working as an anaesthetist and critical care physician. This was appreciated as a trait building confidence in her patients and peers. Hard worker and a good organizer, she was a prominent member of the team who initiated and carried the activity on the Simulation Centre of our University. A contributor of the new generation to the MediSim ,she advocated last year on students' behalf [3]; she was also in charge with the workshops on First Aid to the English section of our University and an active member of the Romanian Society of Anaesthesia and Intensive Care [4-7].

Caught in the middle of a violent event, she was denied first aid and any other chance of survival. She made pos-

sible the prolongation of other peoples' lives while hers was brutally and undeservingly ended.

Her murder is an unprecedented crime exerted on a physician in our town.

Her parents whom she deeply loved and respected are thus deprived of even the consolation of a good death. And snow does not fall to cover our grief.

This is why I feel that she deserves to be honoured at least after passing away as all the good souls should be.

Orshee is now just the memory of a white rose.

To all the other contributors to our journal, be it by publishing or by applying to, to all the other members of the staff, veterans, new comers or recently leaving us, to the The Gruyter platform and to our readers, our reason to write,

I wish a Happy New Year 2017!

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