

## AUSPITZ, KAPOS I NEUMANN: THE SUCCESSIONS TO FERDINAND HEBRA AND CARL L. SIGMUND IN THE VIENNA SCHOOL OF DERMATOLOGY

AUSPITZ, KAPOS I NEUMANN: NASLJEDNICI  
FERDINANDA HEBRE I CARLA L. SIGMUNDA U  
BEČKOJ DERMATOLOŠKOJ ŠKOLI

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Ferdinand Hebra was the founding father of dermatology in Vienna. Joseph Plenck [1], his spiritual ancestor, after whom Robert Willan modelled his scheme, is less known and so is Carl L Sigmund [2], Hebra's friend and head of the 2<sup>nd</sup> department. Moritz Kaposi [3] 1837-1902, came from Sigmund's clinic, then joined and followed Hebra. Isidor Neumann [4], 1832-1906, came from Hebra's clinic and followed Sigmund. Heinrich Auspitz [5], 1834-1885, trained with Hebra, and in 1872 founded own centre (Policlinic of Vienna). Auspitz described and named acantholysis, but not the papillary type of the phenomenon. His system of dermatoses did not find acclaim. Neumann edited one of the first books on histopathology of the skin and described solar elastosis many years before Unna. *Pemphigus vegetans* carries his name. Kaposi described the first systemic lupus erythematosus, and then his "haemorrhagic" sarcoma, and edited the most famous textbook of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, especially the French edition by E Besnier and A Doyon of 1891. He presided over

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Figure 1 First illustration of Kaposi sarcoma, (1868), Kaposi's 1<sup>st</sup> patient. Inst Hist Med, Med Univ Vienna

*Slika 1. Prvi prikaz Kaposijeva sarcoma, 1868., prvi Kaposijev pacijent (copyright Institut za povijest medicine Medicinskog Sveučilišta u Beču)*



Figure 2 Kaposi's tomb in Vienna, the statue is Martha Hebra, his wife, copyright K Holubar

*Slika 2. Kaposijeva grobnica u Beču, statua prikazuje Marthu Hebru, njegovu suprugu (copyright K. Holubar)*



Figure 3 Heinrich Auspitz, 1835-1886  
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Figure 4 Isidor Neumann 1832-1906  
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the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Congress in Vienna in 1892, and founded the Austrian Society of Dermatology in 1890, which had its first meeting even before the French. Today there are more than 850 members.

Austrian dermatology had its heyday at the turn of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The demise of the heroes of the second line and the dismemberment of the country at the end of World War I closed the stage for 50 years. K Wolff, P Fritsch, K Konrad, H Hönigsmann, W Gebhart, H Kerl and others., succeeded in restoring some of the old glory. Two hundred years after Plenck's death and the early beginnings of the field in Vienna, the successors to the founding fathers also deserve a word of mention.

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