



The 8th Annual Leo Leung Memorial Lectureship



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Dr. Milan V. Stevanovic

The University of Pennsylvania Department of Orthopaedics held its 8th annual Leo Leung endowed lectureship on Thursday, November 17, 2011. This lectureship was established in memory of Dr. Leo Leung, an orthopaedic surgery resident at University of Pennsylvania from 1998-2002. Dr. Leung passed away suddenly during his chief year of residency in 2002. His mentors and colleagues founded this

lectureship to honor Dr. Leung's commitment and dedication to medicine, education, patient care, and research.

Dr. Leung grew up in Hong Kong before coming to Brown University to receive his undergraduate degree. He moved to Philadelphia to follow his passion of medicine and received his medical degree at the University of Pennsylvania. He remained at Penn for his orthopaedic residency training. While at Penn, he served as Editor-in-Chief of the *University of Pennsylvania Orthopaedic Journal* from 2001-2002, and was selected as an academic chief for 2002-2003. He developed a passion for hand surgery, publishing several articles in the field of hand and upper extremity surgery. He was being recruited by top hand surgery fellowships before his sudden passing. People who had the pleasure of knowing Dr. Leung said he left a lasting impression on everyone who had the pleasure of coming in contact with him. He was affectionately known as "Leo the Lion" and "The Iron Leung" for his extraordinary work ethic and unrelenting commitment to the residency program.

The invited speaker for the 8th Annual Leo Leung Lecture, Dr. Milan Stevanovic, shares Dr. Leung's commitment and dedication to medicine, education, patient care, and research. Dr. Stevanovic is a highly respected reconstructive hand and upper extremity surgeon at Keck School of Medicine of USC, where he serves as a professor of orthopaedic surgery and

plastic surgery. Dr. Stevanovic is originally from Montenegro and did his medical training in Serbia. He then completed a hand fellowship at USC followed by a microsurgery fellowship at Duke University, before returning back to Serbia where he served as chief of the hand and upper extremity and replantation teams at University of Belgrade. He then returned back to USC in 1993, where he has remained as faculty.

Dr. Stevanovic's visit to the University of Pennsylvania started on Wednesday, November 16 in the anatomy and human tissue lab. Working on fresh cadavers, Dr. Stevanovic was able to walk a combined group of orthopaedic and plastic surgery residents through functional free muscle transfers for upper extremity reconstruction. He started by showing a latissimus dorsi dissection for possible transfer or flap. He then proceeded to show two different approaches for a brachial plexus dissection. His knowledge of the intricate detailed anatomy of the upper extremity and brachial plexus was a huge asset for the residents' education.

Dr. Stevanovic continued his visit with the 8th Annual Leo Leung Lecture the following morning. His lecture started with several interesting case presentations by Penn orthopaedic residents. During these case presentations, Dr. Stevanovic discussed how he would approach each case, drawing on his prior experiences and similar cases. These case presentations were followed by Dr. Stevanovic's more formal lecture discussing functional free muscle transfer for upper extremity reconstruction. He provided a fresh prospective on orthopaedic principles that have been shaped through years of experience with his patients and research. Penn faculty and residents were engaged throughout his entire lecture, which was evident through the questions and discussion that followed.

We sincerely thank Dr. Stevanovic for coming to Penn to share his knowledge of anatomy, along with his experience, attention to detail, and pursuit of learning. He was truly an asset to our education and an honor to the memory of Leo Leung.