Dr. Relja Živojnović (‘Zivo’) richtte in 1975 als eerste in Nederland een afdeling vitreo-retinale chirurgie op, in het Oogziekenhuis Rotterdam. Hij kreeg nationale en internationale faam vanwege zijn baanbrekende werk op dit gebied.

Hij studeerde geneeskunde in het voormalige Joegoslavië en werd tot oogarts opgeleid in het Oogziekenhuis Rotterdam, waar hij van 1972 tot 1989 als staflid werkzaam was. Ook was hij later hoogleraar aan de Universiteit van Novi Sad en kreeg vele internationale oogheelkundige onderscheidingen.

Curriculum vitae
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Date of birth: 10-10-1931
Place of birth: Graz, Austria
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Educational career

1949	Final exam at Grammar school, Dubrovnik, Yugoslavia
1950-1958	Medical School, Zagreb, Yugoslavia
1958-1959	Military Service in Yugoslavia.

Professional career

1959-1960	Residency at various general hospitals in Zagreb.
1960-1962	Residency at the department of general surgery at City Hospital Wilhelmshaven, Germany
1962	Residency at Military Hospital Meljine, Yugoslavia
1963-1967	Residency at Eye Hospital Rotterdam, Netherlands
1967-1969	Consultant Ophthalmologist Eye Hospital Rotterdam
1969-1972	Head of department of ophthalmology at Military Hospital Meljine, Yugoslavia
1972-1989	Member of the staff at Eye Hospital Rotterdam
1975	3 months fellowship in Birmingham and Cambridge, England
1975	Founder of the first department of vitreo-retinal surgery in the Netherlands at the Eye Hospital Rotterdam
1976-1995	Visiting professor at University Clinics in Zagreb, Belgrade and Novi Sad, Yugoslavia.
1987	Published „ Silicone oil in vitreo-retinal surgery”
1990	Nominated as full professor at Medical School. Novi Sad.

1985-1995	Organized international courses in vitreo-retinal surgery in Rotterdam (1985, 1987, 1988) and Antwerp (1990, 1993, 1995) Organizer, co-organizer and lecturer of/at courses in vitreo-retinal surgery in India, Colombia, Japan, Argentina and USA
1990-1995	Annual courses at American Academy of Ophthalmology
1989-1993	Head of the vitreo-retinal department at Middelheim Hospital, Antwerp, Belgium

Awards

1982	Award of the Ophthalmological Association of Croatia
1986	Herman Wacker Prize of the Club Jules Gonin
1986	Von Graefe Prize of the German Ophthalmological Society
1991	Shree Prakash Award of the Eye Research Centre, Madras India
1992	Medalla Alvaro Rodriguez of the National Ophthalmological Foundation Bogota, Colombia
1993	Medalla de Oro Ignacio Barraquer y Barraquer of the Instituto Barraquer de America, Bogota, Colombia
1993	Snellen Penning of the Dutch Ophthalmological Society (NOG)
1994	Ernst Custodis Preis of the Retinologische Gesellschaft, Germany