


**THE THREE-DIMENSIONAL MODELING ABILITY OF A BOY WITH AUTISM**

Selim B. is a 12-year-old boy born in a village in central Bosnia. He was diagnosed with autistic disorder (DSM-III-R) at the age of 5 years after his parents began noticing bizarre behaviors such as stereotyped, repetitive actions, unusual speech, and loneliness. Selim’s father is a collier, and his mother does not work outside the home. Both his parents and two younger brothers are healthy. There were no complications with the pregnancy or delivery.

Medical examinations revealed normal EEG, brain CT, male karyotype, hearing, and vision. Psychological testing showed a WISC IQ of 59 (verbal factor 57, nonverbal 69) and a Goodenough score of 90. The photographs in Figure 1 show samples of Selim’s delightful and skilled three-dimensional modeling.

Selim was in treatment in the Center for Autism in Zagreb until September 1991. After the summer holiday, when Selim was to have returned to Zagreb, the war prevented his return and kept his parents from contacting us again. We do not know anything more about him.

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Fig. 1. Samples of Selim's three-dimensional modeling.