



**HIFU THERAPY:
CURRENT CLINICAL PRACTICE AND FUTURE
AVENUES**

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

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22 April 2016, Plevna, Bulgaria

Dear Colleagues,

For the last 15 years the High Intensity Focused Ultrasound (HIFU) therapy has been introduced and developed as an innovative non-invasive method for thermal ablation of some benign and malignant solid tumors. For its 3 years of experience, the HIFU-Center - part of St. Marina Hospital in Pleven, Bulgaria and training base for the students of the Medical University-Pleven, has become one of the "Centers of Excellence" in Europe with more than 350 noninvasive ultrasound ablations. This scientific conference will give a summarized report on the results of the bilateral scientific project titled "Research on the Potential of HIFU (high intensity focused ultrasound) Technology to treat Uterine Fibroids in Bulgarian and Chinese Patients as a Non-invasive Alternative Method to Conventional Surgery". The project is being part of the agreement between the governments of the People's Republic of China and the Republic of Bulgaria for scientific research and development in which the Medical University Pleven, HIFU Center to Saint Marina Hospital-Pleven and 2-nd Affiliated Hospital to the Medical University of Chongqing have participated.

The other purpose of the Conference is to enable colleagues, experienced with different clinical applications of HIFU therapy to share their knowledge with the broader circles of the medical society - both from Bulgaria and abroad, as well as with students, junior doctors and residents. We hope that this scientific meeting will give light and answer some questions about the principles of this innovative treatment. We believe that organization of the First HIFU Conference in Bulgaria is the best way to share and improve our knowledge and to create a "Future Avenues" of this therapy.

Sincerely yours,

Prof. S. Tomov

President of org. committee

Assoc. prof. D. Dimitrov

Secretary of org. committee

The conference will be held in four panels:

- 1. Final report on the results and findings from the Chinese-Bulgarian project for HIFU treatment of Uterine Fibroids*
- 2. HIFU treatment of patients with advanced pancreatic cancer – results, best practices and future areas for investigation*
- 3. The role of HIFU treatment in Malignant and Benign Breast Diseases*
- 4. HIFU – a new medical frontier for malignant and benign indications across the human body.*

Participation:

Those wishing to participate are kindly asked to send a completed **Registration form** on the following email address: **hifuconference@svmarina.com**

The deadline for registering with an oral presentation is **March, 20-th, 2016.**

The deadline for registering as a passive participant is **April, 10-th, 2016.**

No participation fee will be applied for those, registered before the deadlines.

50 EURO late registration fee will be required after the deadlines expiration.

Oral presentations should last maximum of 10 minutes. After every presentation 2-5 minutes of discussion will be provided. All participants with oral presentation will be proposed a publication of their scientific paper in the Journal of Biomedical and Clinical Research

Date and the Venue:

Medical University-Pleven, Center for Telemedicine, Ambroise Pare Hall, **22 of April, 2016, 09:00 a.m.**

Transfers between Sofia airport and Pleven for the foreigner lecturing guests and 2-nights' accommodation in a 4* Hotel will be arranged and covered by the Medical University-Pleven.

For all other guests the discounted hotel rates will be arranged on request. Please, use the following contact details:

If you have any further enquiries regarding the event, please feel free to contact our organizing secretariat.

Organizing committee:

Prof. Slavcho Tomov, Chairmen and Prof. Zhechuan MEI, Co-Chairmen, Scientific Committee members

Assoc. prof. Dobromir Dimitrov- Secretary

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