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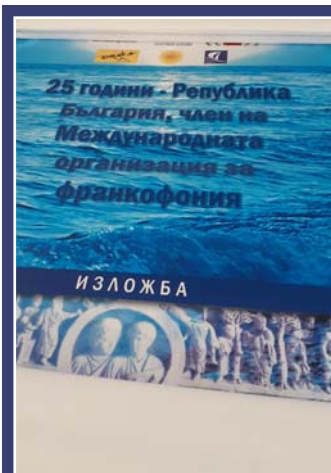
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GAUDEAMUS

Gaudeamus igitur,
Jvenes dum sumus!
Post jucundam juventutem,
Post molestam senectutem,
Nos habebit humus!

Vivat academia!
Vivant professores!
Vivat membra quodlibet!
Vivant membra quaelibet!
Semper sint in flore!

NON SIBI, SED OMNIBUS

ДА СЕ ВЕСЕЛИМ...

Нека да се веселим,
докато сме млади!
След радостта на младостта,
след мъката на старостта,
чака всички ни пръстта!

Слава, академия!
Учители, слава!
Да е всеки жив и здрав,
на всичките – слава!
Вечна незабравя!



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NIGHT OF IDEAS 2020 AT MU-PLEVEN



Pleven, along with another 186 cities in 90 countries across the globe took part in the Night of Ideas organized annually by the French Institute in Paris and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, France. The theme of this year's edition was "To be alive". The Night of Ideas aims to encourage dialogue and exchange of ideas on topics relevant to modern society through parallel conferences, meetings, forums and round tables as well as performances and other events. Medical University - Pleven and the French Institute in Bulgaria organized the Bulgarian edition of the "Night of Ideas" this year. It was held on January 30, 2020, Thursday, from 15:00 to 20:00, in the hall "Ambroise

Pare" of the Telecommunication Endoscopy Center at MU - Pleven. The main partner of the event was BNP Paribas.

This year's edition covered the topics: "Robotics and the Future of Medicine", "HIFU Technologies and Non-invasive Surgery" and "Robotics and Philosophy". The Director of the French Institute in Bulgaria, Mr. Claude Chassene, opened the event and welcomed the audience of lecturers, students and pupils from the high schools of Pleven. The Night of Ideas event was divided into three modules. In the first module, from 15:00 to 15:45, Dimitar Bozhkov, Faculty of Philosophy, Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", viewed the topic of the event through the prism of Philosophy. From 16:00 to 16:45 the program continued with a lecture by Prof. Dr. Silvia Alexandrova-Yankulovska, Dean of the Faculty of Public Health, MU - Pleven, with a focus on robotics and the new challenges to medicine and public health. The last module, from 17:00 to 18:00, was dedicated to the future of medicine. It was presented by Prof. Dr. Slavcho Tomov, MD, Rector of the Medical University - Pleven, who told the audience how robotics had changed surgery. After him, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Dobromir Dimitrov, MD, Medical Manager of HIFU-Center at the University Hospital "St. Marina" - Pleven, presented the latest practices in ultrasound surgery in the treatment of pancreatic cancer.

The Night of Ideas 2020 was attended by Prof. Jacques Manyan, ENT Professor, specialist in endoscopic surgery and imaging, who joined by teleconference from the University Hospital - Marseille, France.

At the end of the event, the guests and participants in the Night of Ideas were able to enjoy a musical program presented by the string quartet "Geomarchalo".

Information: V. Dukova



MU-PLEVEN HOSTED A PHOTO-DOCUMENTAL EXHIBIT TITLED “BULGARIA – A 25-YEAR MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL FRANCOPHONE ORGANIZATION”

The photo-documental exhibit was part of the Night of Ideas, 2020 and consisted of 12 project-panels, which showed the historical roots of the French-Bulgarian interactions as well as more than 25-year long cooperation. Bulgaria joins the international francophone community back in 1993 and its



activities were first coordinated by the Ministry of Culture and later on by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The exhibit was presented in three thematic stages. The first stage focused on the establishment of the French colleges in Ruse, Plovdiv, Burgas and Varna. The second stage of the exhibit aimed to familiarize the viewers with the famous meeting between the French president François Mitterrand and a group of members of the dissident movement in Bulgaria, among which were the future Bulgarian President Jelio Jeleu, the poet Blaga Dimitrova and the author Radoy Ralin. The third part of the exhibit was focused on some of the more obscure and not well-known facts about French-Bulgarian relations and Bulgarian scientists and dignitaries who had French educational background.

The exhibition was organized by the Regional academic center – Pleven with the help of the Solei Foundation.

PROF. SLAVCHO TOMOV: IN BULGARIA THE INCIDENCE OF CERVICAL CANCER IS ON THE RISE

An interview with prof. Slavcho Tomov, Rector of MU-Pleven for “Good morning Bulgaria” news segment, radio Focus

Host: For the 13th time, Bulgaria celebrates the Cervical Cancer Prevention Week. Is this disease socially significant?

Prof. Slavcho Tomov: Definitely yes, for several reasons. First, it is one of the unfavorable malignant tumors, which especially in recent years, increasingly affects younger and younger women, on the other hand - the incidence of this disease, especially in Bulgaria is increasing in contrast to developed countries where prevention measures are taken for screening and prophylaxis.

Host: A vaccine against this disease already exists and it is included in the immunization calendar and is free for parents who decide to vaccinate their children. However, how old should they be and what is your opinion about this vaccine? What would you advise parents?

Prof. Slavcho Tomov: Yes, the immunization calendar provides for girls at the age of 12 to be immunized. It is important to mention that the vaccine is intended for the period when women has not yet started being sexually active. This is the period in which it can make a difference. However, parents should be aware that the vaccine does not cover 100% of all high-risk viruses involved in the pathogenesis and etiology of this disease.

Host: You've mentioned that with early detection of cervical cancer, the disease can be treated. However, prevention in our country is insufficient. That is why Cervical Cancer Prevention Week is important. How is MU-Pleven involved in these initiatives?

Prof. Slavcho Tomov: Usually every hospital offers free examinations in its reception rooms during the Cervical Cancer Prevention Week. This is a good initiative that all women

should take advantage of. That being said, I'm not just calling for Prevention Week to be the only time when women should be screened for cervical cancer and for cervical cancer prevention. This should become a way of thinking, especially for women of a sexual active age - such examinations must be performed once a year.

Host: Prof. Tomov, you said that more and more young women are suffering from cervical cancer. How much has the age limit dropped?

Prof. Slavcho Tomov: We have had patients between 20 and 25 years old. You must understand that this is a frighteningly young age. This means that a few years before that, the patient became infected with the virus and it had time to go through all these stages and changes in the cells of the cervix to reach the level of an invasive tumor, invasive cancer.

Host: And what are your observations - has the culture of women visiting a specialist regularly changed in recent years?

Prof. Slavcho Tomov: Yes, there is such a tendency. And that's a good thing, especially among younger women.

Host: Is there a need for a new national program for primary prevention of cervical cancer? How can this prevention be strengthened so that this disease is less common for our country?

Prof. Slavcho Tomov: You know, over the years, in the last 5, 10, 15 years this topic is always talked about. We always ask a question on our specialized forums, the Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology always comes up with recommendations and yet there are no tangible results or programs to talk about. I do not know the reason behind this phenomenon, but the end result is the increase of cervical cancer among Bulgarian women.

300 INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS TOOK THE ACADEMIC OATH AND BECAME PART OF MU-PLEVEN'S COMMUNITY

The Academic Year 2019/2020 for the newly-admitted international students of the Medical University - Pleven started on Monday, February 17, 2020, at 10.00 in the Magnum Hall of the Second Clinical Base. Once again, the university performed the ritual of taking an academic oath by first-year students.

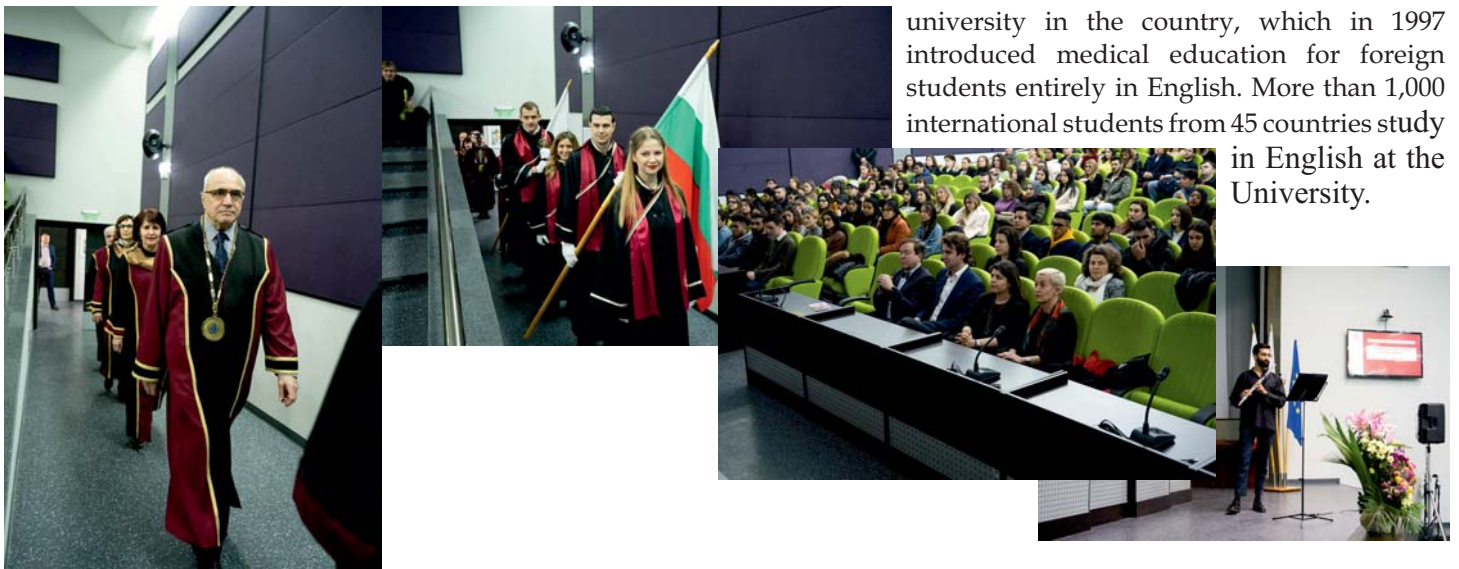
The freshmen received well-wishes for a successful academic year from the Rector of MU-Pleven, Prof. Slavcho Tomov as well as the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine Prof. Dr. Asparuh Asparuhov and their Bulgarian and international colleagues. With special performances of songs and dances, the freshmen were greeted by the international students participating in the international event, People's Day 2019, as well as by the overall performance winning team from Italy.

Before the beginning of the school year, within two weeks, the Center for Foreign Students traditionally organized a program for adaptation of the newly admitted

freshmen. It included information tours of the university, open doors in the library, meetings with real estate agencies, the Migration Service and getting acquainted with the cultural and historical heritage of Pleven - a visit to Panorama "Pleven Epic 1877", Regional History Museum and Art Gallery "Ilia Beshkov". For yet another year, Bulgarian language classes for the international students were held.

MU - Pleven maintained the trend of high admission of foreign students wishing to study "Medicine" in English in the city of Pleven - out of 514 applicants, 300 were accepted from 32 countries, of which 12 students were enrolled in a preparatory course. For the third year in a row, the highest number of students came from Italy (178), followed by citizens of Great Britain (20), Germany (15), Pakistan (12), Turkey (12) and Japan (12), as well as from India and Greece. For the first time, students from Georgia and Lebanon were enrolled in the university.

MU - Pleven is well-known as the first university in the country, which in 1997 introduced medical education for foreign students entirely in English. More than 1,000 international students from 45 countries study in English at the University.



PROF. SLAVCHO TOMOV, RECTOR OF MU-PLEVEN: THE TENDENCY FOR ADMISSION OF MORE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS EVERY YEAR IS KEPT



An interview with prof. Slavcho Tomov, Rector of MU-Pleven for "Good morning Bulgaria" news segment, radio Focus

Host: With taking the academic oath, 300 international students have become part of Medical University - Pleven. Prof. Tomov, what does the ritual of taking an academic oath by first-year students represent?

Prof. Slavcho Tomov: For the past several years we have had a ritual - an oath to be taken by the newly admitted students from Bulgaria and abroad. The idea is that as soon as they cross the threshold of higher education, they will feel part of one community - the academic community of our university, MU-Pleven.

Host: Prof. Tomov, a program for adaptation of newly-admitted freshmen has been organized. What exactly is it?

Prof. Slavcho Tomov: For the past several years we have, indeed, been implementing such a program. Our international students come from other countries with different traditions and different understandings; they find themselves in a new world, unknown to

them. Therefore, a few weeks before the start of the school year, a program is planned for them to know more about the city of Pleven, the history of Bulgaria and the natural landmarks, the people of our city, to make young people feel that they arrive in a place not hostile to them but accommodating.

Host: There are students from over 45 countries who study at MU-Pleven, and the university is known as the first university in the country, which in 1997 introduced medical education for foreign students entirely in English. How many students did you manage to train during these years?

Prof. Slavcho Tomov: Definitely not a few - over 16 classes have already graduated, and this year in April another class of international students will graduate. The number of graduating students is so large, that even in the whole city of Pleven we couldn't find a suitable hall to bring students together with their parents and relatives who will come from the many different

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countries around the world. I personally invite you to attend and experience the atmosphere of such a graduation, the energy and the emotions. And the other thing I want to say - these young people who have spent six of their most formative years, of their most fulfilling stage of life - the years of youth, will forever leave a space in their hearts for Bulgaria. These are actually the best ambassadors of Bulgaria in the world and we should not forget that.

Host: How do you maintain the interest of foreign students in the Medical University?

Prof. Slavcho Tomov: It is not easy at all. You know that young people are very informed, they know and are interested in all the innovations that are happening in every field, not only in medicine, around the world. That is why we make great efforts to constantly

introduce new and non-standard methods not only for training but also for research. We strive not only to keep up with the times, but even to be ahead of them in some respects with the laboratories we establish. As you know, for a little more than a year, we have been working on the territory of our university on the construction of laboratories in the Competence Center, for which we have won funding from the European Union. There we created several laboratories - laboratory for virtual reality, 3D printing, bio-printing, genomics, navigation surgery, in addition to the standard, already known to us and the society in Bulgaria and in Europe telesurgery and robotic surgery, which we will upgrade with the establishment of the new Competence Center.

ACCESS OF THE STUDENTS TO ACTUAL PATIENTS IS VERY BENEFICIAL – PROF. SLAVCHO TOMOV, RECTOR OF MU-PLEVEN'S INTERVIEW FOR AZ-BUKI NEWSPAPER

Interviewer: Prof. Tomov, ever since you assumed the post of Rector of MU-Pleven, you have worked tirelessly to establish the university as a center for innovations and advanced learning. Have you succeeded in your goals?

Prof. Slavcho Tomov: Focusing on innovations in the context of modern medical education is mandatory. Even more so if the goal is to provide a quality end product that can be competitive not only locally but also abroad.

We have continued to improve on the base of minimally invasive and robotic surgery, laid by the previous administration.

The crowning achievement of all our concentrated efforts was becoming the host of the most important forum in the field – the European Congress on Robotic Gynecologic Surgery. Many important, well-known scientists in the field from around the world took part in the event, where we were able to demonstrate the level of advancement and technological development, achieved in Pleven in the previous years. We were even able to showcase a life surgery through long-distance, 3D means which had never been done before.

We have also focused our efforts on establishing a Competence Center, which focuses on personalized medicine and tailored therapies, 3D and telemedicine, robotic and minimally-invasive surgery. The laboratories that are part of the project are being developed and one of them is already operational – the VR OR 360 laboratory, which allows students to observe long-distance 3D operations in VR with the use of VR goggles.

In a more distant future, we plan to establish a base for bio-printing of organs – a practice that has not been universally established yet, but is expected to become a fact in the next few years. One of our goals is the establishment of a bio-printing laboratory in the next 4-5 years so that we can join this advanced medical practice as one of the trailblazing institutions.

Interviewer: Would it be correct to view MU-Pleven as an international, cosmopolitan center with its extended student mobility programs, participation in international teams and events, joint academic and research ventures, international classes...?

Prof. Slavcho Tomov: Our focus on the Erasmus+ program has always been strong and, in addition to that, we have cooperation agreements with more than 40 international institutions of higher education. Student mobility practices have been established in both sending and receiving students as part of their educational cycle. We also have a robust and well-established mobility program for our academic staff.

We are also in a strong cooperative relationship with the American Laparoscopic Surgery Association. In 2019, 10 lecturer-members of the associations visited MU-Pleven to be part of a specially-designed course on laparoscopic surgery. Our aim is to turn such events into an annual practice.

Interviewer: Is MU-Pleven part of any European academic networks?

Prof. Slavcho Tomov: On a local level, we are only part of the National Academic Network, established and overseen by BAS. We are actually one of the regional academic centers, affiliated with BAS.

We have also established a contractual cooperative relationship with Florida University Hospital in the US.

We are also hard at work in establishing ourselves as part of the wider European academic network. This, however, is a slow process. Our practice has shown that it is actually easier to establish a trans-oceanic connection and relationship that to do that in Europe. Europe seems to be more conservative in its approach, especially towards East-European countries.

Interviewer: You have 5 different specializations in robotic, laparoscopic and gynecologic surgery yourself. Is there access to these contemporary scientific achievements for your students as well?

Prof. Slavcho Tomov: Definitely. We have always aimed to introduce new methods of education and have kept an eye out for any new tendency in Medicine. We are fully aware that when our students graduate, they need to be able to employ the new methods of diagnostics and treatment with sufficient proficiency. For them to achieve that, the university must have those practices as part of its theoretical and practical courses.

Several years ago, we established a new educational module – minimally invasive surgery. The first robotic system for minimally-invasive surgery we purchased back in 2008 is no longer supported by its manufacturer and was subsequently installed in the Telecommunication Endoscopy center where it is now used for educational purposes. What is more, Bulgaria has an inherent advantage over the West in the fact that the access medical students have to real patients and the opportunity to establish a contact is much less restricted and this has proven to be immensely beneficial to the students.

Interviewer: And yet you focus on implementing simulators for training?

Prof. Slavcho Tomov: That is correct. We have a whole study room, equipped with simulators that we are aiming to further enlarge and develop. We will also acquire high-tech simulators for our resuscitation center.

Interviewer: Will there be new Major's degree courses to go through the process of accreditation at MU-Pleven.

Prof. Slavcho Tomov: This not an easy question to answer. The established view is that in higher education, an institution will strive to open new courses based on demand. It is, however, not the present-day demand that we seek to meet, but the one that will arise in 5 or even 10 years.

Robotic systems are being developed not only in the field of surgery but also in many fields of daily life. The same is true for the development of artificial intelligence. We will have to make

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decisions based on well-studied prognosis for the future. MU-Pleven, for example, has yet to develop in the fields of dental and veterinary medicine.

On a local level, however, the higher education system in Bulgaria is extremely saturated. The latest changes in the Law for Higher Education, for example, show that steps are taken to curb the sprawling quantitative expansion in terms of higher education in favor of qualitative developments. Therefore, the aforementioned Master's degrees are not in our immediate future plans but we do plan to focus on developing them later on.

Interviewer: Young medical specialists no longer have to pay large sums for their specialization courses. Has this fact led to an upsurge in the number of applicants?

Prof. Slavcho Tomov: Unfortunately, it has not. The tendency for

certain specializations to be more popular than others has not yet shifted and some fields – like pathoanatomy – still draw far less of an interest than others, regardless of their vital importance to the study of Medicine in general.

Interviewer: MU-Pleven was the first university in Bulgaria to establish pure English-language education curriculum as an alternative for international students. How many students from abroad attend MU-Pleven presently?

Prof. Slavcho Tomov: The English-language curriculum was established in 1997 and by now, MU-Pleven has developed an active international community of students. Today, we teach more than 1100 international students from more than 45 countries around the world. The number of international students, enrolled in the Medicine specialty has already surpassed the number of their Bulgarian colleagues.

BABINDEN WAS CELEBRATED AT UMHAT 'DR. G. STRANSKI' - PLEVEN



On January 21st, University Hospital "Dr. G. Stranski" - Pleven celebrated the Day of the Midwife - *Babinden*. The Director of the hospital, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tsv. Lukanov congratulated the medical specialists and staff, thanking them for their dedication and professionalism. Special guests were the Regional Governor of Pleven, Miroslav Petrov, MP and member of the Parliamentary Health Committee, Dr. Kalin Popovski, as well as retired midwives and their successors and colleagues, students from MU - Pleven. According to an Old Bulgarian custom, the youngest midwife Teodora Grigorova washed the hands of the senior midwife Jeni Bozhinova. Congratulations

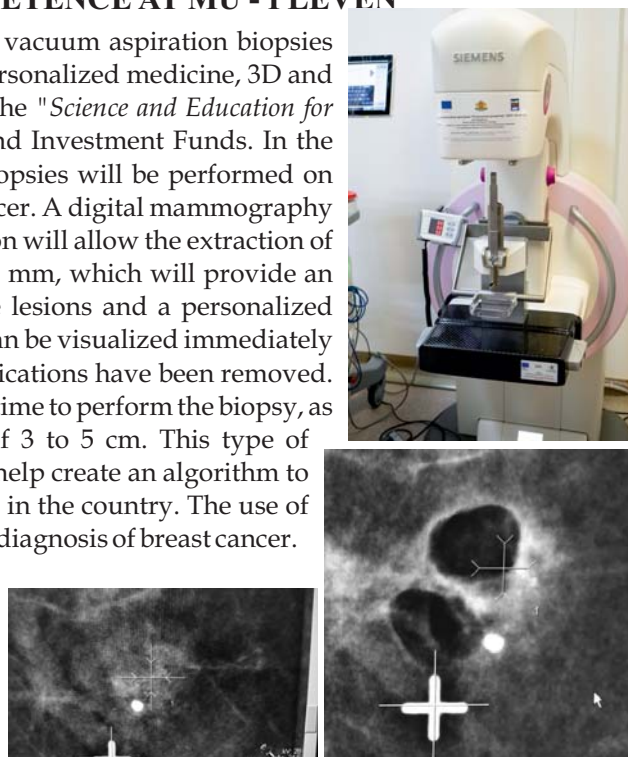
were expressed by the Head of the Maternity Ward, Dr. Mihail Tsvetkov and the Head of Neonatology, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Victoria Atanasova. The students from Hristo Botev Primary School performed folk songs and dances. According to statistics, since the beginning of the year, 139 children have already been born, of which three pairs of twins. The first baby for 2020 is a girl born at 2.00 am on 01. 01. 2020.



A LABORATORY FOR STEREOTACTIC VACUUM ASPIRATION BIOPSY WAS ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE CENTER OF COMPETENCE AT MU - PLEVEN

The activity of the newly-established Laboratory for stereotactic vacuum aspiration biopsies falls under the project for construction of a *Center of Competence* in personalized medicine, 3D and telemedicine, robotic and minimally invasive surgery, financed by the "Science and Education for Smart Growth" operational program and the European Structural and Investment Funds. In the laboratory, stereotactic mammography-based vacuum aspiration biopsies will be performed on patients with pathological lesions, micro-calcifications and breast cancer. A digital mammography device for diagnostics and screening with a stereotactic biopsy function will allow the extraction of tumor tissue from small lesions with a minimum incision of about 3 mm, which will provide an accurate diagnosis, therapeutic efficacy for small and non-palpable lesions and a personalized approach to the treatment of the patient. The biopsy material taken can be visualized immediately to timely reassure the operator that suspicious areas, lesions or calcifications have been removed. This will provide comfort and security for the patient, minimizing the time to perform the biopsy, as well as make an invasive operation redundant with an incision of 3 to 5 cm. This type of intervention is not performed anywhere else in Bulgaria, which will help create an algorithm to facilitate the future spread of this procedure to other medical centers in the country. The use of this method is recommended by the world's clinical algorithms for the diagnosis of breast cancer.

The Laboratory for Stereotactic Vacuum Aspiration Biopsies is headed by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Dobromir Dimitrov, Deputy Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and is one of the three laboratories in the Department of Minimally Invasive Surgery (MIH) within the Competence Center. The other two laboratories are related to the construction of an integrated interdisciplinary operating room with navigation and telesurgery systems and the construction of a laboratory for experimental developments for the needs of minimally invasive surgery at the Institute of Robotics of BAS.



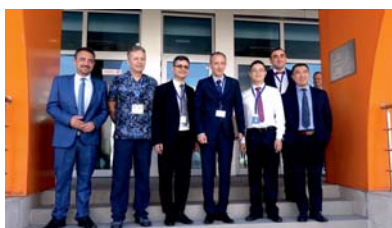
Information: V. Dukova

MEDICAL UNIVERSITY - PLEVEN SUPPORTED ITS CHINESE PARTNERS WITH MEDICAL SUPPLIES IN THE FIGHT AGAINST THE EPIDEMIC

The academic community of the Medical University of Pleven has sent emergency humanitarian aid to support its Chinese partners in the fight against the new coronavirus. At the request of the management of the Second Affiliated Hospital of Chongqing Medical University in Chongqing, China, the university conducted a quick charity event to raise funds for the purchase of medical masks, which hospitals in China need the most in the fight against infection. 11,000 medical masks were sent by the Pleven University to the hospital in Chongqing, China in support of the partners to control the epidemic, and there is a readiness for new shipments of necessary medical supplies and PPE.

According to an official statement from the Chinese Foreign Ministry, the country is in dire need of urgent supplies of medical devices to tackle the coronavirus epidemic. Several countries, including France, the United Kingdom, Japan, South Korea and Russia, have already sent medical devices and equipment to China.

Information: V. Dukova



STUDENTS FROM *STOYAN ZAIMOV* HIGHSCHOOL VISITED THE DEPARTMENT OF ANATOMY, CYTOLOGY AND HISTOLOGY OF MU - PLEVEN

For yet another year, Medical University - Pleven was visited by high school students with a profile in biology and chemistry. The students from the class "Natural Sciences" at *Stoyan Zaimov* - Pleven attended a lecture on the anatomy of the human body. Assistant Professor Dr. Alexander Todorov managed to increase the interest of all attendees



with his explanations of the human anatomical structure.

The collaboration of MU - Pleven with the local schools, in which there are specialized "Natural Sciences" classes, is not accidental. The aim is not only to illustrate the studied curriculum, but also to increase students' interest in the specialties taught at the university.



PROF. SLAVCHO TOMOV, RECTOR OF MU-PLEVEN: STUDENT CANDIDATE EXAMS CAN BE REASONABLY DELAYED SHOULD THE NEED ARISE



Because of the nation-wide state of emergency, student candidate exams can be delayed, within a reasonable time frame, said Prof. Tomov for radio Focus' morning news show "Good Morning Bulgaria". MU-Pleven's Rector further added that all available study resources will be integrated and available at the platform for online, distance education at MU-Pleven's website. He also noted that some of the practice lessons can be taught through the platform as well. Prof. Tomov also emphasized the fact that the students at MU-Pleven have reacted with exceptional dedication and tenacity in the crisis by volunteering to work on the forefront, fighting the COVID-19 epidemic.

Adapted from an interview for Focus news agency.

OR YET ANOTHER YEAR, EXHIBITION "MARTENITSA - TOGETHER TO PRESERVE THE TRADITION" WAS SET UP AT MEDICAL UNIVERSITY - PLEVEN

For another year, the students majoring in "Social Activities" of the Medical College at MU - Pleven held an exhibition-bazaar of martenitsas, handmade, together with children and people with disabilities under the project "Martenitsa - together to preserve the tradition." The bazaar opened its doors in the period 27-28 February 2020 from 10:00 to 14:00 in the lobby of the Rectorate of the university. The funds raised from the martenitsas were used for necessary occupational therapies. The Bulgarian students acquainted the newly admitted international students with the unique Bulgarian tradition and the symbolism and meaning of the martenitsa.



The Project "Martenitsa - together to preserve the tradition", 2020 the exhibition-bazaar with handmade martenitsas was made possible with

the cooperation of the following medical and social services institutions:

1. Center for Social Rehabilitation and Integration - Pleven
2. Center for special educational support "PR Slaveykov" - Pleven
3. Sheltered housing for people with mental retardation - Pleven
4. Center for mental health - Pleven
5. Day center for adults with disabilities - Pleven



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THE NEONATOLOGY CLINIC AT UMHAT 'DR. GEORGI STRANSKI' RECEIVED A GENEROUS DONATION

The Atanasovi family – Ivelina and Plamen, generously gifted an incubator machine for the neonatology clinic at UMHAT 'Dr. Georgi Stranski' – Pleven. The birth of their baby girl – Michaela, who is a premie, prompted their decision.

The clinic expressed their profound gratitude, which stems not only from the generosity of the donors but also the pitiful financial situation in which current-day healthcare in Bulgaria has found itself. Funds for new equipment are scarce, even more so when children healthcare is concerned. A situation which is all the more concerning, considering premie patients are thoroughly depended on such equipment to sustain their lives.

The clinic further adds that during the Day of Premies – November 17th, the clinic had received 800 BGN in donations from former patients.



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