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MU-PLEVEN CELEBRATES MAY 24TH – BULGARIA'S CULTURE AND ENLIGHTENMENT DAY

A celebration was held on May 19th, 2016 at "Magnum" hall, Plevn in honor of Bulgaria's Culture and Enlightenment Day. The celebrations began with a rendering of Enlightenment Hymn by "Arlecchino" children's musical ensemble, led by choir master Violeta Boyanova.

Notable among the honorable guests at the event were the mayor of Plevn, Georg Spartanski; the chairman of the city council, Martin Mitev; the director of "Dr. Georgi Stranski" Multi-profile hospital, Dr. Tsvetan Lukanov, MD as well as many other distinguished figures from the field of Medicine. Special guest at the event was Acad. Svetlin Rusev.

In his celebratory address, Acad. Svetlin Rusev went back to his memories of his school years, stressing the importance of good education and guidance of the young:

"I want to believe we have not lost our great teachers and educators, that even the longest of struggles will come to pass. When an infinite darkness has fallen and engulfed us, when no pain has left unfelt and disgrace and abasement run rampant, when we are tired and fatigued and out of faith and out of hope – it is then when we turn to our teachers, tutors, enlighteners. They are the grey, old children that have played adults without really understanding the rules. They are rays of light in the darkness, the glimmer of hope, the order we set in times of ultimate chaos."

The Rector of MU-Plevn, Prof.

Slavcho Tomov also addressed the audience with words of hope and guidance:

"In times of unrest, the art of the written word is the strongest of weapons" and then added "Our mission as followers of the great legacy of St. Cyril and Methodius is to popularize and promote the written word. We are to aim and enkindle the spirit of learning and knowledge in the souls and hearts of our students. If we are truly able to show our children the greatness of words, the profound satisfaction that comes with and out of knowledge and learning, then they will become, without a shred of doubt, better adults in their own turn."

On further note, the Rector of MU-Plevn noted that the current academic year is to be considered highly successful for MU-Plevn with the new building for the Faculty of Pharmacy having been completed and the welcoming of the very first students in the field of Pharmacy:

"It was a long and difficult road that ultimately led us to this day of success. Only through the unanimous support of all members of the academia did we finally see the fruition of our long years of labour. I would like to offer my deepest gratitude to all national institutions, especially the National Assembly and its chairwoman, Tsetska Tsacheva for their unwavering support and understanding. It is my pleasure to therefore present Mrs. Tsacheva with this commemorative insignia for her outstanding contributions to the



betterment of this university."

An address was read by the chairwoman of the National Assembly of Bulgaria, Tsetska Tsacheva, who was, unfortunately, unable to attend the event:

"Teachers, educators, students, medics I congratulate and thank you for your unwavering devotion and professionalism. Qualities you eagerly pass down to the next generation of promising professionals."

During the celebrations, another anticipated event took place – the award ceremony for the annual "Student of the year" award. The award for most distinguished student of the year is a traditional event at MU-Plevn which commemorates the day of Culture and Enlightenment. This year's winners from the Faculty of Medicine were Martin Karamanliev, V Grade and Mohamed Abdul Svamad, V Grade.

A special award was given – the so-called "Euroinsignia" – to Dr. Stefan Stanimirov, MD from the Clinic of Pulmonology at "Dr. Georgi Stranski" Multi-profile hospital. The award was received for popularizing the field as well as a commemoration of the highly successful year the clinic has had in both the education of Bulgarian and international students and the academic achievements of said students.



PROF. GRIGOR GORCHEV RECEIVES THE ORDER OF THE BALKAN MOUNTAINS, 1ST CLASS FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO THE FIELD OF MEDICINE

This year Prof. Gorchev celebrates his 60th birthday and to further project his personal success into his career, his outstanding contribution in promoting and improving the field of medicine were acknowledged by him being awarded the highest personal honor insignia in Bulgaria – the Order of The Balkan Mountains, 1st class. The president of the Republic of Bulgaria, Rosen Plevneliev, personally awarded the distinguished medical specialist from MU-Pleven. The decision for the award recipient was made based on 16 peer-recommendations and was ratified by the 43rd National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria on 27th April 2016. His nomination was put forward by a number of scientific, medical, governmental and non-governmental organizations.

Furthermore, Prof. Grigor Gorchev was also nominated for the first ever “Evlogii and Hristo Georgiev” prize for his contribution to the field of Education, alongside Prof. Minko Balkanski, PhD and Prof. Hristo Glushkov, PhD. This nomination



highlights Prof. Dr. Grigor Gorchev's achievements in introducing and developing robot-assisted surgery in our country, applying innovative methodology in treatment and establishing a school for teaching students and medical experts.

On the occasion of Prof. Dr. Grigor Gorchev, PhD – correspondent

member to BAS – receiving one of the highest state orders – Order of The Balkan Mountains 1st Class a press conference was held in the Pleven BTA Press Club on 27 May 2016. Prof. Dr. Grigor Gorchev, PhD and Prof. Dr. Slavcho Tomov, MD, PhD, DSc took part.



PRESS CONFERENCE ON THE OCCASION OF PROF. GORCHEV RECEIVING ORDER OF THE BALKAN MOUNTAINS 1ST CLASS

On the occasion of Prof. Dr. Grigor Gorchev, PhD receiving one of the highest state orders – Order of The Balkan Mountains 1st Class - a press conference was held at the Pleven BTA Press Club on 27 May 2016. Rector of the University, Prof. Dr. Slavcho Tomov, MD, PhD also took part. Journalists were also given details about the Honorary Rector's nomination for the “Evlogii and Hristo Georgievi” award. “I will assist the University in any way I can. It's wonderful that its current management, Prof. Tomov and his team, has ambitious plans about achieving a modern medical education which overlap with my personal views for the future development of MU-Pleven. Medical students crave to learn of contemporary achievements in

medicine. They work abroad not only because of the better pay but also because they remain in touch with new technology. Our mission is to keep young doctors in Bulgaria. This is why we will continue to work in this direction – making education in the University more appealing and introducing new and more modern treatment methods. This is the only way we will keep young professionals in Bulgaria,” concluded Prof. Gorchev.

“It is our pride and honor that



Pleven Medical University has found its spiritual peak in Prof. Grigor Gorchev,” added the Rector, Prof. Dr. Slavcho Tomov, MD, PhD.



PROF. DR. SILVIYA YANKULOVSKA, MD, PHD – DEAN OF FACULTY OF PUBLIC HEALTH – IS THE FIRST EASTERN EUROPEAN RESEARCHER TO RECEIVE CLINICAL ETHICS AWARD IN WASHINGTON DC



During the opening of the 12th Annual International Conference on Clinical Ethics and Consultation in Washington DC, USA, the Dean of the Faculty of Public Health in MU-Pleven, Prof. Silviya Yankulovska received the clinical ethics award for 2016. The award is named after Prof. Hans Joachim Schwager, who set the groundwork for

clinical ethics consulting in Germany and Europe. The prestigious and one of a kind award received by Eastern European researcher for the first time, and for a third – worldwide – represents the great recognition of Prof. Yankulovska's work in the field of clinical ethics. She is a pioneer in developing a methodology for clinical ethical consulting in Bulgaria. She authored the first Bulgarian clinical ethical consulting monograph in 2015. She has participated twice in the international forum in the USA. After her success there, she was offered to review "The ethics of Personalized Medicine. Clinical Perspectives" for the peer reviewed journal "Theoretical Medicine and Bioethics". Prof. Yankulova was also invited to become part of the team of independent reviewers for "Journal of Ethics". She was also offered to organize the 2019 International Conference on Clinical Ethics and Consultation in Pleven Medical University.



THE PUBLIC HEALTH FACULTY OF MU-PLEVEN HELD A MEETING

In accordance to AC Decision from 25.04.2016 and by Order №1007/17.05.2016 of MU-Pleven Rector, the Public Health faculty held a meeting on 8 June. Faculty Dean Prof.

Dr. S. Yankulova, MD, PhD presented a report for the period of March 2015 – May 2016. After all statements, there was a secret vote to fill the quota of academically ranked persons in FC of FPC. After a successful vote, its members increased by four.



THREE NEAA EXPERT GROUPS VISITED MEDICAL UNIVERSITY – PLEVEN FROM MAY TO JUNE

An expert group visited the University during 11-13.05.2016 in relation to the accreditation of PhD programs in "Genetics" and "Physiology in Animals and Humans".

On 1 June another expert group visited MU-Pleven in relation to the accreditation of PhD programs in "Dermatology and Venereology", "Psychiatry" and "Neurology". An

NEAA expert group visited the University on 06.06.2016 in relation to an evaluation of the project to open the "Healthcare" professional field of study with Majors program in unregulated profession "Medical Cosmetics" at the Medical College of MU-Pleven.

A TRAINING COURSE ON BDS STANDARD EN ISO 9001:2015 WAS CONDUCTED FOR INTERNAL AUDITORS AND QUALITY MANAGERS AT MU-PLEVEN

A training course aimed at internal auditors and quality managers on different levels was conducted on 25 and 26 April 2016 at MU-Pleven. The goal was to refresh knowledge and increase qualification of those who have already passed a training course and are already working as auditors and/or responsible for quality control of education and other key activities in the University. Lecturer was Prof. Eng. Georgi Tasev – founder and long-standing chair of the "Union of Quality Experts in Bulgaria" (since 1991) – a specialist with a lot of experience in international quality standards. The course concluded with an examination of the acquired knowledge. Those who passed successfully received a Certificate of acquired competence. The certificates were officially handed out on 26.05.2016.



"ST. MARINA" MULTI-PROFILE HOSPITAL - PLEVEN ACQUIRED LATEST GENERATION INNOVATIVE EQUIPMENT



True to its image of a modern high-tech medical facility "St. Marina" Multi-profile Hospital – Pleven continues acquiring innovative equipment allowing for more precise diagnostics and security for patients during operations. Some of the recent assets include:

3D endoscopic equipment allowing for the so-called "bloodless surgery"



Latest generation ligation equipment

Latest generation innovative video endoscopy equipment Evis Exera III

The perpetual drive for maintaining high level technology at "St. Marina" Multi-profile Hospital – Pleven makes



it one of the most modern, high-tech and "smart" medical facilities in Southeast Europe.



12 MAY - INTERNATIONAL NURSING DAY CELEBRATED BY HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS AT UMPH – PLEVEN

12 May was chosen as the International Nurses Day in 1953 by the International Council of Nurses. It is the anniversary of the birth of Florence Nightingale (1810-1920), the founder of modern nursing.

International Nurses Day was once again celebrated by healthcare professionals at "Dr. Georgi Stranski" University Multi-profile Hospital. Head nurse Ivaila Petkova

congratulated her colleagues and wished them health, happiness and prosperity. She also expressed her gratitude that despite their hardships and woes, they never neglect their professional duties; watch over their patients and continue to work at UMPH - Pleven.

The university hospital is a center for specialization and practical training of specialists with Bachelor and Professional Bachelor degrees in Healthcare fields of study such as Anesthesiology and Intensive Care, Special Care for Oncology Patients and Psychiatric Care among others.



MU-PLEVEN CAREER CENTER ORGANIZED A MEETING FOR STUDENTS AND PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYERS

MU-Pleven Career Center once again organized the now traditional meeting for graduating students and prospective employers. The meeting was held on 2 June in Ambroise Paré hall of TELEEC.



THE PEDIATRICS CLINIC AT "DR. GEORGI STRANSKI" UMPH RECEIVED YET ANOTHER DONATION FROM FRANCE

Once again the Pediatrics Clinic at "Dr. Georgi Stranski" University Multi-profile Hospital - Pleven received a donation from the French association Eppui Humanitarian Aid. Association chair - Jeannette Bourio brought walkers, perambulators, toys and medical supplies for the little patients. Head nurse Ivaila Petkova extended special greetings to the non-government organization, on behalf of the medical facility's management.



OPEN DOORS AT MC CIRM FOR PLEVEN CITY HOLIDAY

Open doors at Medical Center "St. Elisaveta Clinical Institute for Reproductive Medicine" for Pleven city holiday on 15 May. On 14 May Dr. Dobrinka Gincheva, MD, an obstetrics and gynecology expert, conducted free examinations of women between ages 12 and 50+, who had made prior appointments.



HIGH-CLASS MODERN EQUIPMENT AT "ST. PANTALEIMON" MULTI-PROFILE HOSPITAL

Cardiologists at "St. Pantaleimon" DCC and MPH - Pleven now have at their disposal modern high-class equipment. It is a multi-functional, three-dimensional RFQIMT echocardiograph with amplified capabilities to examine and analyze the myocardial function which allows for more precise diagnostics.



IVF CENTER ST. ELISAVETA - PLEVEN GATHERED ITS CHILDREN FOR THE SEVENTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR

On 1 June - International Children's Day - for the seventh consecutive year, Medical Center "St. Elisaveta Clinical Institute for Reproductive Medicine" - Pleven organized a celebration. Nearly 200 children, conceived through IVF or other therapy, gathered in the square in front of the "Iliya Beshkov" art gallery. The talented boys and girls from the "Arlekino" vocal group at "Saglasie" community center performed for the little children and their parents. Kristina Glaveva, daughter of Nina Aivazova, embryologist at St. Elisaveta IVF CIRM, performed allegretto by Mozart for the children.

For the first time, Mayor Georg

Spartanski also attended the festivities. He expressed his gratitude to the MC CIRM - Pleven staff, and personally to Assoc. Prof. Dr. Emiliyana Konova, MD, PhD, for the love and devotion with which they work and promote Pleven.



MU-PLEVEN STUDENTS JOINED THE NATIONAL CAMPAIGN "LET'S CLEAN BULGARIA TOGETHER"

On 4 June the Student Council at MU-Pleven and the National Union of Students in Bulgaria organized a cleanup of the "Kailyka" natural park.

Zvezdina Goranova, Chair of the Student Council and participant in the campaign, commented, "We notice it's very neat in the park. We're mostly picking cigarette butts. But it's very unpleasant that while we're cleaning, some passers-by would still throw their butts on the ground and not in the bin."

The National Initiative to Better the Children's Hospital Stay joined BTV's campaign for a second year. They organized a cleanup and renovation of the yard space of the Clinic for Children's Diseases at "Dr. Georgi Stranski" University Multi-profile Hospital.



VIII CONFERENCE ON HYPERTENSION THEMED "HYPERTENSION - HOTSPOTS" WAS HELD AT MU-PLEVEN



Prominent cardiologists gathered in Pleven on 3 and 4 June. They took part in the Eighth conference on hypertension, themed "Hypertension - hotspots". The conference is organized by MU-Pleven, First cardiology clinic of UMPH - Pleven with the partnership of the Bulgarian Society of Cardiology and the Bulgarian Hypertension League.

The forum was dedicated to Prof. Chudomir Nachev, PhD, and was held in the Telecommunications endoscopy center at MU-Pleven. Prominent cardiology experts - Prof. D. Raev, MD, PhD; Prof. N. Zlatareva, MD, PhD; Prof. Arman Postadjijan, MD, PhD; Prof. Gudev, MD, PhD; Prof. Sn. Tisheva, MD, PhD; Prof. Mariya Tsekova, MD, PhD; Assoc. Prof. Ivan Gruev, MD; Assoc. Prof. P. Gatsov and others talked about current scientific issues.

The hosts had prepared a welcoming party for all the participants in the forum.

TURKISH GUEST-LECTURER READ LECTURES ON CARDIOLOGY AT MU-PLEVEN

Emir Karacaglar, a guest-lecturer from Baskent University - Ankara, visited MU-Pleven on the Erasmus+ academic mobility program during the 2015/2016

academic year in May. He read a cycle of lectures on cardiology for IV year "Medicine" major students. The program was launched on 16 May.

TWO LECTURERS FROM THE FACULTY OF PUBLIC HEALTH TOOK PART IN AN ERASMUS+ TRAINING COURSE

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mariela Kamburova, MD, PhD and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Stela Georgieva, MD, PhD took part in an Erasmus+ training course organized by DOREA Educational Institute WTF in Barcelona, Spain from 23 to 27 May.

DOREA is an educational institute specializing in informal education with longstanding experience in organizing international courses for Erasmus+ in various European countries.

The course spanned five days and Sever Dzigurski, international consultant and expert in the field of engaged informal education, lectured for DOREA.

The course focused on applying innovative and engaging methods of

teaching:

- working in couples or in small groups
- presenting and sharing personal experience with the learners
- adopting the NLP teaching model
- adopting techniques to improve communication between teacher and learner

Assoc. Prof. Kamburova and Assoc. Prof. Georgieva express their gratitude to the Center of European integration and international cooperation with MU-



PROF. SLAVCHO TOMOV AND DR. VESELA TOMOVA WERE LECTURERS AT A STUDENT CAREER FORUM IN PLEVEN

A career forum for students in the 9, 10 and 11 grade was held in "Pleven" hall of the Regional Administration building on 11 June. It was organized by CSA "Idea factory" and Webrica IT Academy. The goal of the forum was to inform the students about details in certain professions, and so ease them in making the decision of what career to choose. For this reason many different professionals were invited to the forum to present their sectors.

Prof. Slavcho Tomov and Dr. Vesela Tomova were invited to present medicine as a profession. The auditorium was captivated by Dr. Vesela Tomova's interesting and sincere presentation "Profession 'Doctor' - about the hard choices, the gained and the lost..." Prof. Dr. Slavcho Tomov, MD, PhD followed her presentation with his own, titled "Medicine and new technologies - present or future".



MODERN OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY SCHOOL WAS HELD FOR THE THIRD TIME AT MU-PLEVEN

MU-Pleven hosted the "Modern school of Obstetrics and Gynecology" for the third time. It was organized by the Association of medical students in Bulgaria - Pleven with the aid of the Student Council and under the patronage of the Rector, Prof. Dr. Slavcho Tomov, MD, PhD, DSc. The goal of the forum held from 27 to 29 May was to complement the medical knowledge of future doctors about the newest treatments.

Participants in the school learned about the principles, indications and application of minimally invasive surgery as well as the differences between conventional and robot-assisted surgery.



**MEDICAL STUDENTS FROM AMSB - PLEVEN
JOINED THE NATIONAL CAMPAIGN
AGAINST HYPERTENSION**

The National Hypertension League, the Bulgarian Society of Nephrology and the Bulgarian Red Cross once again organized the National Campaign against Hypertension on 17 May to commemorate World Hypertension Day. The purpose of the campaign is to raise awareness about health issues that hypertension may cause. By the Bulgarian Hypertension League's suggestion, this year the focus was set on one of the worst complications that come with hypertension - impaired renal function. Hence, the motto of the campaign read "Regular blood pressure - healthy kidneys". The Association of Medical Students in Bulgaria - Pleven aided by the Cardiology Clinic at "Dr. Georgi Stranski" University Multi-profile Hospital and Prof. Tisheva, as well as Microlife, once again joined the national initiative.

Consultation posts were set up where people could have their blood pressure measure for free on "Vazrazhdane" square, in front of the Theatre, at the main entrance to Pleven Medical University, in "Kailyka" Natural Park and at Pleven Pedagogical College.

**STUDENT CANDIDATES CAN APPLY FOR REGULAR
EXAMS AT MU-PLEVEN STARTING 20 JUNE**

Between 20 and 30 June student applicants, who have chosen MU-Pleven as their future Alma Mater could send their applications to sit regular exams in three ways - on site at the Rectorate, online or at offices in bigger cities. The University will organize a second application period between 20 and 23 July for the following eight majors: "Medical Rehabilitation and Ergotherapy", "Protection and control of public health", "Nursing", "Midwifery",

"Medical Laboratory Technician", "X-ray Technician", "Social Activities" and "Assistant Pharmacist".

Applying for the "Medicine" and "Pharmacy" majors requires the sitting of biology and chemistry exams. Regular exams are on 5 July for biology and 12 July for chemistry. The biology test for bachelor majors is on 27 July.

This is the first year Management decided to work on its decision to change the format of the biology and chemistry entry exams to tests for the



"Medicine" and "Pharmacy" majors. The goal is to end the practice of mechanically re-creating studied material, and instead get more thinking, reasoning candidates.

Info by V. Dukova

**THE ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL STUDENTS IN BULGARIA - PLEVEN
ORGANIZES A SEMINAR ON RARE DISEASES**

The Association of Medical Students in Bulgaria - Pleven alongside National Alliance of people with rare diseases and the "Pulmonary Hypertension" Association with the cooperation of Pleven Medical University organized the fourth annual seminar on rare diseases. It was held on 12 May in Ambroise Paré hall in TELEC.

The discussions focused on an extremely rare genetic disease - epidermolysis bullosa or the issue of the



so called "butterfly children". A video connection was made with Nevena

Dimitrova, chair of the patient organization "Debra Bulgaria", and a mother of a 3-year-old child suffering from this severe dermatological disease.

Experts from the Dermatology Clinic at "Dr. Georgi Stranski" University Multi-profile Hospital - Pleven held a lecture concerning 13 May - World Melanoma Day.

**FREE DERMATOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS WERE CARRIED
OUT DURING THE "EUROMELANOMA" CAMPAIGN**

The Bulgarian Dermatology Society in partnership with the European academy for Dermatology and Venereology held the eleventh national "Euromelanoma" campaign to raise awareness on topics concerning skin cancer. It launched on 13 May and was aimed at patients who have suspicious skin formations.

About 200 doctors wanted to join the campaign and examine patients for free on 13 May. The Dermatology and

Venereology Clinic at "Dr. Georgi Stranski" University Multi-profile Hospital - Pleven was once again part of the campaign. Dr. Ivelina Yordanova, MD; Dr. Maya Aleksieva, MD; Dr. Verka Pavlova, MD; Dr. Klimentina Gospodinova, MD; Dr. Veronika Gincheva, MD; Dr. Gurpreet Variach, MD; Dr. Desislava Tsvetanova, MD all had free consultations on 13 May, 9 to 14, with all persons who had previously made an appointment.



A DISCUSSION MEETING CONCERNING THE ISSUES OF DIABETES UNDER THE SLOGAN "TOGETHER WE CAN DO MORE" WAS HELD IN PLEVEN

On 16 June in "Pleven" hall at the Regional administration building a meeting concerning the issues of diabetes, under the slogan "Together we can do more" was held. It was organized by Association "Diabetes" - Pleven and the Endocrinology clinic at "Dr. Georgi Stranski" University Multi-profile Hospital - Pleven under the patronage of the chair of the city council - Martin Mitev.

Krasimir Kanev, chair of the Bulgarian Association "Diabetes" and Maya Viktorova, vice chair, attended the meeting. Mayor, Georg Spartanski also honored the event, saying: "We will do our best to continue to support non-government organizations so they can keep doing good things about the health of our nation."

The first talk at the workshop "Diabetes as a socially significant issue" was delivered by chair of the city council, Martin Mitev. The data he presented about the disease on a national level were worrying.

The first presentation of the meeting "The role of high blood sugar in diabetes-related health complications and timely control and treatment" was delivered by head of the Endocrinology clinic, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Katya Todorova, MD, PhD. The lecture "Diabetic polyneuropathy - the earliest diabetes-related health complication" was delivered by Dr. Silviya Ganeva, MD and "Diabetes and cardiovascular disease - most common and fatal diabetes-related health complications" - by Dr. Ginka Rayanova, MD. The lecture "Vascular and inflammatory diseases of the urogenital system" was delivered by Dr. Tsvetomira Tsvqtkovska, MD, and "Care for the diabetes foot" - by Dr. Radina Atanasova, MD.



DR. YAKIM YAKIMOV, MD, REVEALED HIS "AFTER THE 7TH DAY" NOVEL

Dr. Yakim Yakimov, MD, unveiled his sixth novel "After the 7th day" on 23 March in restaurant "Mladost" in Levski. There was a lot of interest by future readers are the author meet-up. Many fans, colleagues, relatives and friends congratulated Dr. Yakimov for his new literary achievement. The author expressed his gratitude and urged everyone "Let's be good and do good", convinced that is the answer to many of the existential questions which we ask ourselves.

Editor's note Dr. Yakim Yakimov, MD, graduated Pleven Medical University with a major in neurology and general medicine. He is now a general practitioner in Levski.



THE CLINIC FOR OCCUPATIONAL DISEASES CELEBRATED ITS 35TH BIRTHDAY



"Dr. Georgi Stranski" University Multi-profile Hospital - Pleven together with the department of "Hygiene, medical ecology, Occupational Diseases and MDS" celebrated 35 years since the founding of the Clinic for Occupational Diseases. Current and former staff of the clinic and department attended the celebration.

*Information provided by: Assoc.
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FINAL "NO" TO USING MARIJUANA FOR MEDICAL PURPOSES

Stance of the Department of "Psychiatry and medical psychology" at MU-Pleven

In recent years, the topic of medical marijuana has been widely discussed by the media. Particular stress is put on its medicinal properties concerning neurological, oncologic, ophthalmological conditions.

The team at the department of "Psychiatry and medical psychology" at Pleven Medical University has prepared and sent a statement to the National Drug Council in which it emphatically expresses its opposition to the attempts at legalizing medicinal marijuana in the Republic of Bulgaria.

After reviewing the written and oral statements of national consultants and leading experts in varied medical spheres, the National Drug Council has reached a decision not to allow marijuana and its derivatives to be used for medicinal purposes.



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