

TO THE BLESSED MEMORY OF PROFESSOR VIKTOR GAVRILOVYCH CHERKASOV

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Morphologists of Ukraine express their sincere condolences to relatives, friends, anatomists, employees of Bogomolets National Medical University on the untimely death of a prominent scientist, talented teacher, sincere person, honoured professor Viktor Gavriilovych Cherkasov



On September 20, 2020, the Ukrainian morphological school suffered an irreparable loss: a prominent morphologist, Head of the Human Anatomy Department of the Bogomolets National Medical University, Vice-President of the Scientific Society of Anatomists, Histologists, Embryologists and Topographers of Ukraine, Academician of the International Academy of Integrative Anthropology, Honored Worker of Science and Technology of Ukraine, Doctor of Medical Sciences, Professor Viktor Gavriilovych Cherkasov.

Viktor Gavriilovych was born on January 5, 1953 in Kirovohrad.

In 1976 he graduated from Bogomolets Kyiv Medical with honors. For more than 40 years Viktor Gavriilovych selflessly served science, having passed the way from the post-graduate student to the Head of Chair of Basic Department Of Anatomy: the post-graduate student (1976), the assistant (1979), the senior teacher, the senior lecturer (1991), the professor (1992), Head of the Department (2004-2020).

In the person of Viktor Gavriilovych Cherkasov successfully combined the qualities of a scientist, youth mentor and a talented organizer. Main directions of his scientific research: ultrastructural aspects of development of blood and lymphatic vessels; experimental modeling of pathological processes; history of morphology; methodical principles of teaching human anatomy. In 1980 he defended his dissertation "Hemomicrocirculatory tract of the human thymus in the prenatal period of morphogenesis". The doctoral dissertation "Microcirculatory tract of the human immune system in the prenatal period of ontogenesis" was successfully defended in 1990.

He successfully worked as the Head of the Research Sector of Bogomolets National Medical University (2003-2008).

From 2008 to 2013, Viktor Gavriilovych was the Dean of the Medical Faculty No. 1. A lot of graduates remember V.G. Cherkasov as a wise head of the faculty and a reliable assistant to students of higher education.

Since 1992, V.G. Cherkasov was a Vice-President of the Scientific Society of Anatomists, Histologists, Embryologists and Topographers of Ukraine, a member of the Academic Council of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine and a member of the Scientific Public Council at the MES of Ukraine. Meetings with the participation of Viktor Gavriilovych were indicated with indifference to the case and understanding of the possibility of the importance of changes for the better.

V.G. Cherkasov is the author and co-author of more than 300 scientific papers, 12 patents and copyright certificates, 9 monographs, 15 textbooks, 10 atlases, 3 atlases, was the Editor-In-Chief of the specialized journal "Bulletin of Morphology" and a member of the editorial boards of professional publications in Ukraine. Under the leadership of V.G. Cherkasov, 6 doctoral and 11 candidate dissertations were completed and successfully defended. Creative approach, in-depth analysis, quality performance of various tasks were in the first place in the activities of the scientist.

Viktor Gavriilovych was guided by such principles in the work of the specialized academic council at the Bogomolets National Medical University as secretary, member and chairman of the council. As a member

of the specialized academic council at National Pirogov Memorial Medical University, Vinnytsya was remembered by colleagues as a professional morphologist with a capital letter. Most of Viktor Gavriilovych's students head departments in Ukraine.

Significant scientific and pedagogical work of V.G. Cherkasov served as head of the Support Department. Under his leadership, programs of "Human Anatomy" discipline were developed and implemented in Ukraine, which provided the latest organization of the educational process in human anatomy in Ukraine. The support department created the first national textbook "Human Anatomy" in three languages (Ukrainian, Russian, English), which is republished with changes and additions since 2006, gained wide recognition and became basic in human anatomy in higher education institutions of Ukraine. Viktor Gavriilovych's manuals on the anatomy of the nervous system and sense organs enjoyed the authority of teachers and students; later expanded and supplemented it became the basis of sections of the textbook. Continuous improvement, quality control and additions have brought the textbook "Human Anatomy. In three volumes" edited by A.S. Golovatsky and V.G. Cherkasov recognition among the anatomical school of Ukraine and students.

The famous anatomical collection of the Department of Anatomy of the Bogomolets National Medical University was under the special attention of Viktor Gavriilovych and it was on his initiative that the complete cataloging of preparations was carried out. Masterfully mastering historical and morphological data, Professor VG Cherkasov could spend hours touring the halls of the department, everyone was delighted with the presentation of information and the depth of academic knowledge.

Viktor Gavriilovych paid a lot of attention to the study of the history of anatomy, he was an active promoter of the activities of Ukrainian morphologists. VG Cherkasov studied with his staff creative and scientific way of many historical figures not only from literary sources, but also visited their places of birth. A trip to the city of Oster, where Volodymyr Oleksiyovych Bets was born, stood out among such people.

In almost all lectures later Viktor Gavriilovych explained to students how important it is to understand and study the historical aspects in science and education.

For scientific research of the remains of the sarcophagus of Yaroslav the Wise in St. Sophia Cathedral in 2010 he was awarded a Diploma (National Reserve "Sophia of Kyiv").

V.G. Cherkasov for years of work at the Bogomolets National Medical University was formed as an outstanding morphologist, known abroad. Viktor Gavriilovych's high professionalism and perseverance in achieving the goal were harmoniously combined with demanding, tactful and responsible attitude. Viktor Gavriilovych was a hard-working and demanding specialist, who was appreciated and respected by all who had to communicate and work together.

Viktor Gavriilovych was an extremely responsible and highly professional man, his life path is an example of selfless devotion to medical education and science. His active social and scientific-pedagogical activity has been awarded many prizes. For a significant contribution to the development of health care and high professionalism in 2006 by the Decree of the President of Ukraine V.G. Cherkasov was awarded the Order of Merit of the III degree; in 2009 he was awarded the honorary title of "Honored Worker of Science and Technology of Ukraine". Viktor Gavriilovych was awarded the Certificate of Appreciation and Diploma of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine, diplomas and awards, the "Gold Medal of Betz" (2019) AHET of Ukraine.

Viktor Gavriilovych will forever remain a wonderful husband for his wife, the best father for his son and daughter, a loving grandfather for his grandchildren. Viktor Gavriilovych Cherkasov will remain a kind and sensitive person in our hearts. Thoughts, scientific plans and achievements will be reproduced in the affairs of his many students, who will gratefully leave the memory of their Master in new scientific works, discoveries and history of anatomy.

May the memory of him live forever!