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## Mykola Ivanovych Berezka



First of September marked the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the famous scientist, Doctor of Medical Sciences, Professor of the Department of Emergency and Urgent Medical Care, Orthopedics, Traumatology and Prosthetics of Kharkiv National Medical University, Mykola Ivanovych Berezka.

The jubilarian was born in Sumy region, where he studied at the medical school. In 1982, he graduated from Kharkiv Medical Institute with honors and continued studying there from 1982 to 1984 in clinical residency, specializing in orthopedics and traumatology.

From 1984 to 1988, Mykola Ivanovych worked as a traumatologist in the second traumatology department of Meshchaninov Emergency Care Hospital, from 1988 to 2000 as the head of the adult traumatology department at Kharkiv Regional Clinical Hospital - Emergency Medical Care and Disaster Medicine Center, then as its chief physician until April 2010.

Long-term work was reflected first in the candidate's thesis (1992), and then in the doctoral thesis "Clinical and organizational principles of treatment of patients with polytrauma in the conditions of an industrial region" (2011).

Mykola Ivanovich has maintained a longstanding association with Kharkiv National Medical University, dedicating nearly three decades of his career to the institution. In 2012, M. I. Berezka was awarded the academic title of professor, and since 2012 he has been teaching advanced training courses in the field of "Traumatology and Orthopedics". In 2012, he was appointed first acting Head of the Department of Anesthesiology, Traumatology and Extreme Medicine, then Head. Currently, he is a professor of the department.

Berezka's scientific achievements include 120 publications, 5 patents and 1 copyright certificate, 3 text-books on orthopedics and traumatology in different languages in co-authorship. Under his leadership, 4 candidate and 1 doctoral dissertations were planned and defended, 3 more are planned.

He is a member of the following medical associations and societies: All-Ukrainian public organization "Ukrainian Association of Orthopedic Traumatologists"; AAOS; ESTES; SICOT; ISAKOS; All-Ukrainian public organization "Ukrainian Association of Sports Traumatology, Knee Surgery and Arthroscopy"; Association of Preventive and Anti-Aging Medicine.

The professor has been repeatedly awarded for his contribution to the development of medicine: an honorary diploma of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine (2000), gratitude of the mayor (2005, 2006), a diploma of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine (2006), gratitude and diplomas of Kharkiv National Medical University (2017, 2020, 2025).

Today, Mykola Ivanovych has not stopped his career. He is a reviewer of numerous monographs, textbooks, methodological guidelines, abstracts for obtaining a scientific degree, an official opponent during the defense of dissertations, a member of the editorial board of the "Journal of Clinical and Experimental Medical Research" of Sumy State University.

Dear Mykola Ivanovych! Please accept our sincere congratulations on the occasion of your anniversary. We extend our sincere wishes for your continued good health, sustained energy, notable scientific and professional accomplishments, appreciative students and colleagues, as well as enduring family comfort and prosperity. May every day bring you joy, inspiration and new victories!