FOR THE 75TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF

DAVID GEORGIYEVICH IOSELIANI

Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences,
Head of the Scientific and Practical Center of Interventional Cardioangiology,
Honored Scientist of the Russian Federation

In 2018, professor David Ioseliani, the prominent scientist, cardiologist, member of the Russian Academy of Sciences, meets his 75th birthday. He was born on June 3, 1943 in Tbilisi in a family with long medical origins and therefore the choice of the future profession was for him quite predictable. His training began in 1960 at the Tbilisi State Medical Institute, but in 1964 he continued his studies at the Medical Faculty of the 1st Leningrad Medical Institute. His next step in the science was entering the postgraduate course at the N.F. Gamaleya Research Institute of Epidemiology and Microbiology of the Academy of Medical Sciences of the USSR and the defense of the candidate’s thesis in the field of experimental medicine ‘Radioautographic Study of Bone Tissue Induced by Transitional Epithelium’. Among the mentors and teachers of D.G. Ioseliani were the country’s largest scientists: V.I. Burakovsky, Y.S. Petrosyan, O.A. Baroyan and others.

In 1971, D.G. Ioseliani began to work at the A.N. Bakulev Institute of Cardiovascular Surgery, where, under the guidance of V.I. Burakovsky, an outstanding Soviet cardiac surgeon and cardiologist, he made the way from a doctor to the head of the Department of Emergency and Interventional Cardiology. In 1979, D.G. Ioseliani defended his doctoral thesis ‘Ischemic Heart Disease in the Aspect of Surgical Treatment.’ In 1982 he was awarded the title of professor.

Then, D.G. Ioseliani was appointed the head of the new department - Intensive Therapy of Acute Coronary Artery Disorders and Complications, established at the A.N. Bakulev Institute of Cardiovascular Surgery (based on the City Hospital No. 15). Many of the scientific developments carried out in the Department were the priority. Under the management of D.G. Ioseliani, employees of the Department were the first in the country to study the scientific and practical aspects of direct myocardial revascularization in unstable angina. He was one of the first domestic cardiologists who developed and introduced indications and diagnostic criteria for the operation of coronary artery bypass graft.

In 1997, with the support of the Moscow City Health Committee, D.G. Ioseliani managed to create a unique specialized medical institution that provides residents of Moscow with urgent cardioangiologic help, the Scientific and Practical Center for Interventional Cardioangiology, which he later headed. Simultaneously, David Georgievich continued to lead the Department of the City Hospital No. 15. During his work, he carried out thousands of endovascular diagnostic and therapeutic interventions on the heart and blood vessels.

Professor D.G. Ioseliani is an authoritative scientist, who gained wide recognition not only in our country, but also abroad. He became the founder and organizer of a fundamentally new for our country scientific modern trend in the treatment of cardiovascular diseases such as interventional cardioangiology. He was one of the first in the country to introduce the method of balloon angioplasty of coronary arteries in acute myocardial infarction.

Prof. Ioseliani presented the results of his research in more than 450 scientific publications, including 10 monographs, manuals; he is the owner of 5 patents for inventions.

Professor Ioseliani generously shares his knowledge and experience with young specialists and students. Under his leadership, 12 doctoral and 54 candidate dissertations were defended. In 2011, he created and headed the first in Russia department of X-ray endovascular methods of diagnosis and treatment of the N.I. Pirogov Russian National Research
Medical University, and in 2016 he began to manage the Department of Interventional Cardioangiology of the I.M. Sechenov First Moscow State Medical University.

Numerous presentations with reports at world and European congresses brought him recognition of the foreign scientific community. He became the first domestic cardiologist, elected member of the American College of Cardiology, accepted into the European Society of Cardiology, the New York Academy of Sciences, the Cuban Cardiology Society, and worked for the International Medical Exchanges Fund (USA). At home, D.G. Ioseliani was as Deputy Chairman of the Russian Scientific Society for Interventional Cardioangiology, Chairman of the Moscow Scientific Society of Cardioangiology, a member of the Expert Council on Cardiology of the Scientific Council of the Ministry of Health of Russia.

David Georgiyeivich also devoted much attention to publishing activities. He is the editor-in-chief of the International Journal of Interventional Cardioangiology, and he represents the editorial board in more than 10 journals, including foreign ones.

In 2011, Professor D.G. Ioselian was elected a corresponding member of the Russian Academy of Sciences, and in 2016 he became an academician (full member) of the Russian Academy of Sciences. David Georgiyeivich was awarded the honorary title ‘Honored Scientist of the Russian Federation’ (2002), as well as the State Prize of the USSR (1988), the prizes of the Moscow Government (2003, 2008, 2011) and the RF Government Prize in Science and Technology (2010). He was awarded the badge ‘Excellent Health’, the Order of Honor (Georgia, 2003) and ‘For Services to the Fatherland’ IV degree (2009) and many medals.

The editorial staff congratulates David Georgiyeivich on his glorious jubilee and wishes him health and new creative success!