

Editorial

VII National Conference with International Participation “Morphological Days”, Sofia, 8-10 of June, 2018

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The traditional 7th National Conference with International Participation “Morphological Days” was held on 8th – 10th of June, 2018 in Sofia. The organizer of this event was the Institute of Experimental Morphology, Pathology and Anthropology with Museum at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences and the venue of the Conference was the National Anthropological Museum of the Institute.

The opening of the conference started by welcome addresses from Professor Svetlozara Petkova - Director of the Institute and Professor Nina Atanassova - President of the Organizing Committee. They were followed by official ceremony of giving awards to Professor Vasil Vasilev on his 90th anniversary and Professor Christo Chouchkov on his 80 anniversary for their great recognition for development of morphological science, education in anatomy and Bulgarian Anatomical Society.

The main topics of the conference included all the fields of anatomy, histology, cytology, embryology, pathology and anthropology. The conference was attended by more than 120 participants from Germany, Netherlands, Belarus, Georgia, Serbia, Macedonia, Egypt and Bulgaria. In national aspect, the meeting integrated scientists from biomedical institutes of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Sofia University “St Kliment Ohridski”, Plovdiv University “Paisii Hilendarski”, all Medical Universities – in Sofia, Plovdiv, Varna, Pleven, Trakia University in Stara Zagora, University of Forestry – Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, as well as clinical specialists from University Hospitals.

The conference was organized in ten scientific sessions with 94 presentations. Plenary lectures were given by Professor Katja Teerds from Wageningen University in Netherlands, Professor Michail Davidoff from University of Hamburg, Germany and Acad. Vladimir Ovtsharoff, President of the Bulgarian Anatomical Society.

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The venue of the conference – The National Anthropological Museum provided nice atmosphere around the museum expositions and anthropological reconstructions of the head of great Bulgarians as King Kaloyan, King Samuil, Thracian Princess, Georgi Rakovski, Luben Karavelov, Zahari Stoyanov, Bacho Kiro and all the participants enjoyed the meeting.