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## ANNIVERSARIES



These enlightened by the strong sign of Capricorn days, our colleague, university professor and head of the Cardiology unit of the Department of Internal Medicine, Valeriu Revenco, reaches a beautiful age of 60 years. This age is generally considered the age of achievements and accomplishments, when the person who reaches it begins to sum up all the important and long-lasting things he has succeeded in life so far. It gives us the happy occasion to evoke a few pages from the celebrated person's prodigious life, a prominent personality, who has been serving to cardiology honorably for over 37 years, being daily involved in both care and treatment activities of hundreds, perhaps even thousands of patients as well as in the education process of several generations of doctors.

Mr. Valeriu Revenco was born on January 16, 1956 in Soroca town, the Republic of Moldova, in a family of farmers, worthy and hardworking persons,

as are all people from northern Moldova characterized. In 1973 he graduated successfully from the famous School No 1 in his hometown. These days the professor recalls with love and tenderness the teachers who taught him to love work and literature, to think and act freely. It was during those distant years of school, around the lordly towering Soroca fortress, that he believes, the moral and cognitive foundations that formed the basis of his subsequent professional formation have been built.

In 1979 he graduated with honors from the State Institute of Medicine in Chisinau. He was enrolled in cardiology specialty clinical internship during the same year, within the Cardiology All-Union Scientific Center in Moscow.

During the 1981-1984 period he continued his postgraduate studies working on his doctorate. In 1984 our dear colleague successfully presented his doctorate thesis, and in 1992, finished his second doctorate, obtaining a PhD in Medicine.

1984 was the year when Valeriu Revenco started his multilateral activity in Nicolae Testemitsanu State University of Medicine and Pharmacy with a rising career – from the assistant (1984-1992) to the university professor (1993), and the head of Cardiology Department (1998 to present).

In addition, Professor Valeriu Revenco carries out an extensive research work, being today the author of over two hundred scientific works, among which his monograph on clinical cardiology and functional diagnosis stands out particularly.

Having reached this level of professional experience, Professor Valeriu Revenco believes that in order to maintain yourself in a permanent working condition, you need to respect certain rules and principles of life. At the basis of any integral professional activity and a completed life lies the sense of responsibility, honesty, proper hierarchy of priorities, and openness towards everything new and advanced in the professional field. He consistently applies these principles in the guiding activity of his nine dissertations and one PhD thesis in medicine. During these years, he performed two international scientific projects: "Lipid and glucose metabolism in patients with insulin resistance" (2006-2007) and "Pathophysiological mechanisms of insulin resistance and coronary flow disorders in patients with metabolic syndrome" (2008-2009), as well as the institutional scientific project "Development of the concept of primary and secondary prevention of metabolic syndrome based on evaluation of ethiopathogenic mechanisms of the clinical picture and sympatholytic drugs action" (2011-2014).

Over more than a third of a century period of activity at the Department of Cardiology, Mr. Valeriu Revenco has proved to be a skilled and competent professor. Many generations of doctors, residents and fellows consider him a teacher and guide, attending his lectures and addressing for practical advice, based on his extensive experience as a physician, teacher and scientific researcher. Professor Valeriu Revenco is truly considered one of the most valued and talented cardiologists in the Republic of Moldova. Being an "old-school" doctor, he possesses at the same time a wide and consequently open attitude towards everything new in the domain of cardiology. During his activity, he found a way to apply his practice –

gained knowledge, by being for a long time the chief of the 5th department in the Clinic of The Institute of Cardiology, taking care of patients day and night, reanimating and saving a large number of lives.

It is known that medicine has been and still is a special profession. This fact has long been acknowledged by renowned scientists, writers and other adherents of human intelligence. Being a true intellectual he not only loves and cares for the chosen profession but also has a strong calling for beauty, having a special attraction towards music, painting, literature and history.

To this date, his activity comprises an especially wide spectrum. Beyond the direct professional mission, he has held for many years the function of Chairman of the Attestation Committee of cardiologists and functional diagnostics doctors, he is a member of the University Senate, Scientific Council and Administrative Committee of Nicolae Testemitsanu State University of Medicine and Pharmacy. From 1992 until now, he has been the Dean of The Residency and Fellowship Faculty, faculty which besides the pertaining departments has about 1700 residents and fellow doctors.

On this beautiful anniversary occasion, allow us to offer you, Professor Valeriu Revenco, the most special congratulations and best wishes. We wish you and your close ones only success and joy, spiritual peace and new professional achievements. We also wish you good health and strong heart that will beat warmly and generously for many years to come and save other people's hearts!

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