

## Academician Eugen Gladun – on the 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary

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These days academician Eugen Gladun would have turned 85 years old. A man of a special moral cleanliness who worked selflessly, being demanding of himself and of his colleagues, always showing professional competence, erudition, and managerial skills.

Eugen Gladun was born on April 27, 1936 in the village of Nesfoia, Cernauti region, in a family of teachers. After graduating from high school, he became a student at the State Institute of Medicine in Chisinau, and in 1959 he successfully graduated from the Faculty of General Medicine. Eugen Gladun started his activity as an obstetrician-gynecologist at the district hospital of Briceni. In 1961 he was recommended for PhD studies at the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology of Chisinau State Institute of Medicine. As a disciple of Professor A. Cocerghinschi, he defended his PhD thesis in medical sciences in 1964. He was later hired as an assistant, then a lecturer at the same Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology of CSIM.

In 1984, Eugen Gladun completed his Doctor Habilitated dissertation in medical sciences, with a well-known Russian scientist from St. Petersburg as his consultant – Professor A. Slepnyh, also a disciple of Professor A. Cocerghinschi.

As the chief of the department, Professor E. Gladun conducted substantial pedagogical and scientific activity, and was rightly the head of a new school of obstetricians-gynecologists, which successfully combined the traditions of great forerunners with the new trends and directions of scientific research.

E. Gladun was the academic adviser of 26 PhD theses and 8 Doctor Habilitated theses in medical sciences. He published 7 monographs on the most important scientific directions of the specialty. More than 200 scientific publications, 70 inventions and rationalization proposals have been developed by Professor E. Gladun. He organized scientific congresses and conferences and, in his turn, participated in many international congresses and symposia.

The scientific works of Professor E. Gladun and his disciples are known in the Moldovan scientific community and abroad. This led to his being elected a member of the International Association of Obstetrics and Gynecology and the European Association of Obstetrics and Gynecology.



E. Gladun had also accomplished important organizational tasks. In a firm and uncompromising manner, Professor Gladun founded the Institute for Scientific Research in the Field of Maternal and Child Health (currently the Institute of Mother and Child), which he led with great skill for 15 years.

Following the legislative elections in the Republic of Moldova in 1998, Eugen Gladun was elected deputy in the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova, and later was appointed Minister of Health. In this position, he showed civic boldness and superior organizational talent. It was during this time that the healthcare system reforms began, thus preventing an imminent crisis. In 2000, E. Gladun was elected a corresponding member of the Academy of Sciences of Moldova.

In the period of 55 years of activity, he proved to be a scientist by vocation through his studies and a researcher with phenomenal intuition through his works, providing an excellent model for his successors in the field.

For special merits in the medical and didactic activity, the academician was awarded the Emeritus title, being then designated as a laureate of the State Prize. Moreover, the scientist was decorated with *Civic Merit* medal, and the highest state distinction of the Republic of Moldova – *Order of the Republic* – was bestowed on him.

A true activist for the reform and improvement of the obstetrical-gynecological service of the Republic of Moldova, Eugen Gladun was an illustrious scientist of local medicine, a generator of new ideas in medical practice and a leader in science who helped people better understand the role of knowledge and creativity in the evolution of society and civilization as a whole.

Academician Eugen Gladun will remain in the hearts and memory of colleagues and disciples as an outstanding health professional with extensive clinical experience and a native talent to explain clearly while answering collaborators and students' questions, which made him beloved by all who were around him.

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