

Mihail Popovici – 80-year anniversary



Born on October 29, 1942, in the village of Podoima, Camenca district, Academician Mihail Popovici is one of the Lords of science in the Republic of Moldova. Mr. Mihail Popovici went through an exemplary career evolution and at a fast pace firmly moved up the steps of the scientific-practical career. He graduated from the State University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Chisinau (faculty of general medicine) in 1965. His activity in the period of 1965-1977 included: doctorate, assistant and associated professor at the biochemistry department. In 1986 Mr. M. Popovici obtained the scientific degree of Doctor Habilitatus in Medicine, and in 1990 – scientific title of University Professor.

Mr. Mihail Popovici achieved outstanding results in his scientific-practical career. We will not review the hundreds of works of the scholar Mihail Popovici which, throughout his life, placed him in a vanguard position in the modernization and reform of the medical services system. Throughout his successful career, he was actively participating in the reconstruction of both the medical society and the academic life. We will only remember that this important personality of our science is essentially related to the research in the field of cardiology. This was also one of the reasons why in 1977 he was entrusted with the founding within the State Institute of Medicine in Chisinau of the Research Laboratory in the Field of Cardiology, which through the insistence, perseverance, and tenacity characteristic for Mr. M. Popovici in just a few years became the clinical-experimental Sector and firmly established itself as an important research subdivision. In 1983 Mr. M. Popovici was appointed the director of the Scientific-Research Institute of Cardiology and in 1987 – the director of the Institute of Research in Preventive and Clinical Medicine of Moldova which embraces 4 important Research Institutes of the country – Cardiology, Preventive Medicine, Pneumo-Phthisiology and Oncology. Since 1997 he has continued to be the director of the Institute of Cardiology. This emblematic institution for both health, research and higher education in the Republic of Moldova, whose General Director until 2014 was Academician Mihail Popovici, in addition to

saving hundreds of thousands of lives, also gave birth to many scholars, specialists in clinical and fundamental cardiology research as well as doctors of higher category. A remarkable group of almost 40 scientists who delivered their scientific degrees of PhD and Doctor Habilitate under the supervision of Mr. M. Popovici have honored a remarkable scientific school in cardiology recognized by wide world. Nowadays, a lot of them activate in the prestigious cardiological centers in USA, Germany, Italy, Spain, Romania, etc.

The active participation of academician Popovici in the socio-political life of our country is also highly appreciated. Being a deputy in the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova from the twelfth legislature (1990-1994), he is a signatory of the Declaration of Independence of the Republic of Moldova. The 1990s were perhaps the most difficult years in the modern history of medicine in the Republic of Moldova and as a Member of the Parliamentary Commission, Member of the Board of the Ministry of Health (1998–2004), Mr. M. Popovici is among the illustrious figures of shapers of the new system of medicine governance, management and operation dictated by the transition to the market economy.

Today academician Mihail Popovici continues to work assiduously, being vice-director for science of the Cardiology Institute, an emblematic institution in the Republic of Moldova, whose founder he was. The field of research that he leads represents, beyond the outstanding practical and research activities carried out, beyond the results and the recognition obtained over time is a catalyst of valuable ideas and continues to contribute to the appearance of many scientific works, which are published in magazines with national and international impact, are presented at the Congresses of the European Society of Cardiology, of the Romanian Society of Cardiology, and also of the Society of Cardiologists of the Republic of Moldova, whose Presidency he holds.

Through all his prodigious activity academician Popovici proves to us that it does not matter how many years of life you have accumulated, but how much life you have accumulated in the years you have gone through.

On your anniversary, we address you, both on behalf of all Institute of Cardiology collaborators, and on behalf of the scientific community, the Society of Cardiologists of the Republic of Moldova, the expression of our most sincere feelings and the full support of all your activities to cultivate standards of excellence in research and health. We wholeheartedly wish you health and full success in your noble mission of harnessing the scientific-practical potential. May you always succeed in combining research and innovation, so that you find and keep the key to a knowledge society!

Happy Birthday, our dear Academician! Happy birthday, fruitful, bright, and good!

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