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DMITRY FEDOROVICH YEGOROV  
(1949-2023)

Dear colleagues!

With great sadness we inform you that on February 10, 2023 Dmitry Fedorovich Yegorov, Senior Researcher of the Research Center of I.P. Pavlov First St. Petersburg State Medical University, Academic Head of the Department of Arrhythmia Surgery and Electrostimulation of St. Petersburg Municipal Clinical Hospital No. 31, Doctor of Medical Sciences, Professor passed away after serious illness at the age of 75.

Dmitry Fedorovich passed away on the opening day of the 15th International Slavic Congress of Arrhythmology "Cardiostim", which was organized by him in 1993 and held regularly for 30 years in Leningrad - St. Petersburg under his scientific and organizational leadership.

Dmitry Fedorovich Yegorov was born on August 1, 1949 in Leningrad, where he graduated with honors in 1972 from the I.P. Pavlov First Leningrad State Medical Institute, and continued his clinical training in the De-

partment of Faculty Surgery of the same Institute, then headed by one of the founders of national coronary surgery, USSR state laureate, Professor Vasily Ivanovich Kolesov. Since 1972, Dmitry Fedorovich actively studied interventional techniques of heart rhythm disorders treatment and became one of the first leading specialists of Leningrad in this field. In 1980, Dmitry Fedorovich Yegorov founded and directed the Leningrad Center for Arrhythmia Surgery and Electrostimulation and became head of the Cardiosurgery Department of the City Clinical Hospital No.26, which he directed until 1993. In 1993, a new department for adults and children with arrhythmias was founded on the basis of St. Petersburg Municipal Clinical Hospital No. 31, with Dmitry Fedorovich as its scientific director. The first Russian laboratory for transesophageal electrophysiological examinations in adults and children (more than 44,000 examinations in 27 years) was founded on the basis of the department. The combination of outpatient services, inpatient care of children and adults, the transesophageal cardiac conduction study laboratory, X-ray operating room, which enabled the implantation of pacemakers, their scheduled replacement and the removal of electrodes, radiofrequency destruction of sections of the conduction system and the pacemaker programming room, as well as the dynamic long-term observation of cardiological and cardiosurgical arrhythmia patients, enabled the accumulation of a large amount of clinical material, which revealed patterns of cardiac conduction abnormalities both in children as they grow up and in adult patients. An important area of work of the scientific and clinical team led by Professor D.F. Yegorov was the study of supraventricular arrhythmias (mainly atrial fibrillation), whose diagnosis, strategy and treatment tactics were also summarized in the doctoral and candidate theses of his students.

In 2002, on the initiative and with the participation of Professor D.F. Yegorov, it was decided to found the All-Russian Scientific Society of Specialists in Arrhythmology, Electrophysiology and Electrostimulation, of which Dmitry Fedorovich has been Vice-President all these years. At the same time, the City Society of Arrhythmologists was established in St. Petersburg, holding monthly face-to-face lectures and seminars. Dmitry Fedorovich Yegorov was the chairman of this society until 2011, after which his apprentice was elected as the new chairman. For many years Dmitry Fedorovich was a member of the Board of the St. Petersburg Society of Cardiovascular Surgeons.

The scientific and educational activities of Dmitry Fedorovich also deserve the highest appreciation. He is the author and co-author of 540 scientific articles in Russian and foreign journals, 34 textbooks and monographs, 27 patents for inventions and utility models, 220 reports at scientific conferences, congresses and symposia. He has supervised and advised the completion of 6 doctoral theses and 47 PhD theses. Dmitry Fedorovich helped open the way to a great professional life to many arrhythmologists. The incredible number of patients owe him their lives.

D.F. Yegorov stood at the origins of surgical arrhythmology and was among the pioneers in many sections of his specialty. And being first, as you know, is always difficult, always risky and dangerous. The passing of Dmitry Fedorovich Yegorov is a great loss for his family and relatives, his students and colleagues, the scientific community and the city of St. Petersburg. The loss of such people is irreplaceable. The pain of his passing will never go away, an exceptionally bright and grateful memory of him will forever remain in all of us. Blessed memory to him!