



In Memory of Dr. H.C. IAMSS
Viktor Moroshkin

Viktor B. Moroshkin was born on January 1, 1945. Right after the secondary school, he entered the Lvov (Russia) Medical Institute and moved very shortly to Tbilisi Medical Institute from which he graduated successfully in 1968. Shortly then, he went to the 2-year military service that was common during the Soviet era and quickly promoted to a lieutenant grade. He returned after the military service to the physician's career and started practicing in Rustavi (one of the largest cities in Georgia) as a pediatrician. In 1972, he decided to continue his postgraduate studies in medicine and started clinical residency at the Department of Pediatrics (Tbilisi State Medical Institute) chaired by academician Irakli Pagava. He had an opportunity to keep mastering in Pediatrics in Moscow II State Medical University at the Pediatrics Department led by academician V. Tabolin (Studenikin's student and follower). During the work on his dissertation (master piece/PhD paper equivalent) he began to be interested in Human genetics and after return to Georgia he wrote a textbook for practicing doctors on Human Genetics. He was a first scientist who wrote the textbook on genetics in Georgian language.

From 1974 up until 1977 he was working at the State Medical University, Department of Biology, Parasitology and Genetics. In 1978, he established the first medical – genetic laboratory in Georgia with famous Georgian bio-genetic scientist, professor D. Dolidze on the basis of Central Republican Hospital.

In 1997, he founded the Social Pediatrics Protection Fund. As a President of this Fund he put a tremendous effort to improve the health status of kids all over the country, he examined 60 thousand kids without any financial support. Also, he organized 18 different conferences and symposiums out of which 3 congresses were of international importance. Moreover, the Fund was issuing the newspaper and journal titled as "Social Pediatrics".

He was a member of numerous scientific and professional associations, like a member of the USSR's society on medical genetics, a member of the Georgian association on Pediatrics, a member of the Georgian scientific union on Genetics, a member of the Pediatric Cardio-surgery Committee, a consultant for the Tbilisi State Medical University Medical Laboratory on Immuno-Genetic Counseling, Georgia OGASH Subcommittee Chairperson, a member of the international human genetics association and honorable doctor.

He is an author of 38 scientific-research papers on medicine and one textbook.

He passed away in 2003. Besides the many professional and personal contributions, he had contributed in the establishment and further strengthening of two brand new directions in Georgia – human/medical genetics and social pediatrics.

Dr. Moroshkin had created and developed the whole brand new section of the Human Genetics at the Intercontinental Academy of Medical – Social Sciences. He is an Honorable Member of this Academy from 2006.

As an outstanding appreciation and respect, even after passing away he has been elected as an Honorable member of Intercontinental OGASH Academy (Doctor Honoris Causa IAMSS).

