

Editorial**OBITUARY: LEV L. KOLESNIKOV (AUGUST 4, 1940 - AUGUST 26, 2018)****Sergey Dydykin***Department of Operative Surgery and Topographical Anatomy, Sechenov University, Moscow, Russia*

Lev L. Kolesnikov graduated from the Moscow Medical and Dental Institute, now Moscow state medical and dental University (MGMSU) in 1964 and got his professional Master's degree in maxilla-facial surgery. He was working in the Department of human anatomy of this university as an Assistant Professor since 1965, senior lecturer - 1969, Associate Professor - 1975, Professor and Chair of Anatomy department - 1990. In 1969 he obtained his PhD and in 1990 he was awarded Doctor of Medical Sciences degree. Kolesnikov L. L. was a world-renowned scientist in the field of morphology of digestive system. He contributed to investigation of mechanisms of cardias achalasia, cardio-spasm, spastic and atonic colitis and demonstrated general and specific structural patterns of the sphincter apparatus of the

digestive tract. In the monograph "Human sphincter apparatus" (2000) he presented, by first, a complete list and classification of sphincters of the human body. He was also famous for his studies on dental anatomy, morphology of the digestive tract, different aspects of anatomical terminology and medical anthropology, and digital innovations in medical education.

In the 80s, L. L. Kolesnikov was invited to teach Anatomy at the Kabul University (Afganistan) where he worked for 4 years, establishing an advanced modern Department of human anatomy and publishing a two-volume "Manual on human anatomy" in Farsi.

He was a co-author of the International Anatomical Nomenclature (1998). He was a chief editor of the 3-lingual "International Anatomical Terminology" published in 2003. He launched the edition of the "Morphological Newsletter" (Morfologicheskie Vedomosti) which was the first scientific edition of the All-Russian Scientific Society of Anatomists, Histologists and Embryologists (ARSSAHE)

He served the international anatomical community for many years with great dignity and dedication, and was a big supporter of International Federation of Association of Anatomists (IFAA) and European Federation of Experimental Morphology (EFEM).

Professor Lev L. Kolesnikov was the author of 250 research papers, more than 10 monographs and textbooks on human anatomy. Six doctorate and twelve PhD theses were defended under his supervision. His had abroad international linkages and promoted Russian anatomical

science and education all over the world. He always generously shared his experiences, knowledge and linkages with his colleagues. He died after a long-lasting disease. In spite of being seriously ill in his last years he never lost his brilliant sense of humor, and passion for

anatomy and anatomical research. He was respected and admired by his fellow anatomists and students, and loved by his friends. Lev Lvovich Kolesnikov was an outstanding person who will be missed and remembered forever.