

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, DEAR COLLEAGUES AND GUESTS,

I want to welcome you to the XIX Congress of the Bulgarian Society of Anatomists.

We spent a long time preparing the Congress, now having 130 participants and more than 120 submitted scientific reports. Our guests are not only from Bulgaria but also from the Chech Republic, Turkey, Russia, Ukraine, Serbia and Kosovo.

The Congresses of Anatomy have always been very important scientific events. Following the traditions of the previous congresses the current one is focusing on the recent researches in the nervous system, organs of sensation, experimental morphology, the cardiovascular system, anthropology, research methods, and anatomy teaching.

During your stay in Pleven we will create a feeling of creativity and scientific cooperation for exchange of ideas and productive discussions. You will get to know more about the history of Pleven and its attractions visiting places of interest, beautiful parks, art galleries, and historical museums.

It is a matter of honor for our town and university to be able to make an important scientific forum like this. During the Congress preparation we were supported by the Governing Body of the Medical University and the Municipality of Pleven, also by many colleagues and friends being very grateful to them for the assistance. We owe a special debt of gratitude to our sponsor "Medica-Cor"-Rouse.

I wish all the participants success in the hard work hoping you will have unforgettable memories from the next days.

I declare the XIX Congress of the Bulgarian Society of Anatomists open.

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