

LAUDATIO - Prof. Vladislav Zikmund

On February 2nd 2015 the honorary editor of this journal, **Professor Vladislav Zikmund, MD, PhD, DSc** lived a significant jubilee - 90 years. We are very glad that this jubilee found him full of mental freshness with interest in all that he indulged in his life - exploring neurobiological bases and symptoms of mental processes and the effect of mental stimuli and influences on physiological processes and functions of the body. Five years ago, to mark the 85 birthday of Professor Zikmund we stated that he belongs to those prominent Czech and Slovak scientists, who influenced substantially the content and the scientific standards of this journal. Time passes, but does not change our jubilant. Professor Zikmund very carefully monitors everything that appears in our journal, discusses the content and ideas in the articles, the state of the art, topicality of the articles and their importance for the development of our knowledge in the field.

In addition to more than 200 original scientific papers he is the author and co-author of two scientific monographs, editor of two books of proceedings from very important international symposia, the author of 3 monographs designed for the wider audiences and numerous chapters in monographs, books and textbooks. Prof. Zikmund was elected as a member of The Royal Society of Medicine (RSM, London), he is an individual member of the International Brain Research Organization (IBRO) and was a member of the National Committee of IBRO and member of the advisory board of the Collegium Internationale Activitatis Nervosae Superioris. The scientific and organizational activities of Professor Zikmund were highly appreciated by Slovak Academy of Sciences, Faculty of Medicine of the Comenius University, Slovak and Czechoslovak Medical Associations with gold medals, commemorative medals and honorary memberships of the Slovak and Czechoslovak Medical Associations and several professional medical societies.

Prof. Zikmund has many interests in culture and art that are grown for many years. Painting pictures, a number of which we can admire in several exhibitions, wood carvings, design and implementation of several medals; He likes music and plays guitar too.

We are very pleased by the decision of the Presidium of the Slovak Medical Association to put Professor Zikmund into the Hall of Fame of the Slovak Medicine. Dear Professor Zikmund, dear jubilant, please accept our thanks for your willingness to always help and contribute to solving problems. We wish you a lot of flavor and zest for continued future discussions with us, we wish well-being, a lot of time at the pleasure of the most diverse everyday little things that make up our lives.

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