

Professor Vladimir S. Kozlov (1956-2020), Moskou

6th July 2020 at 6.45 a.m. Professor Vladimir S. Kozlov, PhD, Chief Freelance Otorhinolaryngologist of the Main Medical Department of the Presidential Administration of the Russian Federation, Head of the Department of Otorhinolaryngology Federal State Budgetary Institution of Continuing Professional Education Central State Medical Academy of Department for Presidential Affairs of the Russian Federation, Honored Doctor of the Russian Federation passed away because of a debilitating disease. He was only 64 years old.

His professional path originates from the Yaroslavl State Medical Institute, from which Vladimir S. Kozlov graduated in 1979. After graduation from clinical residency and graduate school in 1984, Vladimir S. Kozlov started to work there as an assistant at the Department of Otorhinolaryngology. He organized and became the Head of the first Rhinological Center in Russia, based on the Yaroslavl Regional Clinical Hospital, which was later transformed into the Center of Microendoscopic Otorhinolaryngology. In 1985 Vladimir S. Kozlov presented the Ph.D. dissertation on the topic "Diagnosis of diseases of the paranasal sinuses using preparations based on starch-agar gel". His doctoral dissertation titled "Conservative and surgical treatment of acute and chronic sinusitis" was defended in 1997. In 2000 Vladimir S. Kozlov reached the academic rank of Full Professor. He has been the Head of the Department of Otorhinolaryngology of Yaroslavl State Medical Academy from 2003 to 2006. In 2006 Vladimir S. Kozlov was invited to the post of the Head of the Department of Otorhinolaryngology of the Central Clinical Hospital with Clinic of the Presidential Administration of the Russian Federation. In April 2012, he was appointed as a scientific supervisor of the otorhinolaryngology of this Hospital and at the same time he headed the Department of Otorhinolaryngology of the Federal State Budgetary Educational Institution "Educational and Scientific Medical Center" of the Presidential Administration of the Russian Federation, which was transformed into the Federal State Budgetary Institution of Continuing Professional Education Central State Medical Academy of Department for Presidential Affairs of the Russian Federation in 2015.

A person of incredible scientific and creative potential, Vladimir S. Kozlov was the creator of the scientific school of endoscopic endonasal surgery, as well as the organizer of the first Russian Course "Functional Intranasal Microendoscopic Surgery" in Yaroslavl in 1995, which has been attended by over 500 participants during 10 years. On his initiative the first Russian-German Course "Modern Microsurgery of the Middle Ear" was conducted in 1999. It was repeated in 2003. The quality of training in these courses was in accordance with generally accepted international standards, including lectures, live surgery and the work

in the anatomical theater. In 2001 V. Kozlov took the initiative to organize the XX International Congress "Infection and Allergy of the Nose" (ISIAN) and the IV Congress of the Russian Society of Rhinologists in Yaroslavl, which were attended by 400 doctors from Russia and 350 doctors from 34 other countries.

Vladimir S. Kozlov was a very experienced surgeon perfectly mastering the operating technique, he performed more than 500 surgical interventions a year and has consulting the patients until the last.

Professor Vladimir S. Kozlov, having a well-deserved authority with colleagues, was a Board member of Russian Society of Otorhinolaryngologists and Russian Rhinologic Society, and was a member of Editorial Board of the following journals "Russian Rhinology"; "Russian Otorhinolaryngology"; "Rivista Italiana di Otorinolaringologia". In 1996 he was elected an Honorary member of the Rhinologic Society of Brazil, and in 2015 — Rhinologic Society of Romania. In recognition of his achievements in scientific and practical activities, Vladimir Kozlov was awarded the national prize for the best doctors in Russia "Prizvanie" in 2001, and was awarded the Certificate of Honor by the President of the Russian Federation in 2016.

He was the author of over 350 scientific publications, 18 patents and copyright certificates for inventions and valuable models in the USSR and the Russian Federation. Three inventions are patented in 26 countries of the world. He received worldwide recognition due to the joint co-creation of a new technology and devices for the treatment of sinusitis. "Yamik sinus catheters" are being mass-produced and introduced into the daily practice of doctors in our country, as well as abroad. The "Kozlov trocar" is a tool for operating on the maxillary sinus and the curette for adenotomy, which is also produced in bulk by a German company "Karl Storz" and is used in clinical practice by Russian and foreign doctors. Recently, he has been actively engaged in the topic of simulation training in otorhinolaryngology. With his co-creators he has developed a number of simulators for teaching endoscopic intranasal surgery, which is protected by a patent of the Russian Federation.

We express the deepest regret that the severe illness so quickly claimed the life of such a strong, physically active person.

All otorhinolaryngologists of medical institutions of the Main Medical Department of the Presidential Administration of the Russian Federation grieved for the irreparable loss. We express our sincere condolences to the family of Vladimir S. Kozlov and his friends.

Sergei Karpischenko