

### *Laudatio*

On 5 January 2016, Professor Taras Nykula, the outstanding Ukrainian nephrologist, doctor and researcher, renowned organizer, our teacher, colleague and friend, will celebrate his 80th birthday. We would like to take this opportunity to present to you his life and his scientific achievements.

### **NYKULA TARAS DENYSOVYCH,**



He is senior member of the ERA-EDTA, Doctor of Medical Sciences, Professor, full member of the Ukrainian Academy of Sciences, New York Academy of Sciences, Academy of Sciences of Higher Education of Ukraine, Honourary Scientist and Technician of Ukraine (2009) and was awarded the laureate of the State Prize of Ukraine in the sphere of science and technology (2003).

He was born on 5 January, 1936, in the village of Banyliv, Vyzhnytskyy district in the Chernivtsi region of Ukraine. In 1960 he graduated with honours from the medical faculty of Chernivtsi State Medical Institute; in 1984 as Doctor of Medicine and has been Professor since 1988. Between 1988 and 2014 he was head of the Department of Propedeutics of Internal Medicine (PIM) No 2 in the Bogomolets National Medical University (NMU). In 1988-1997 he also performed the duties of prorector at NMU in the realm of academics and science.

In 1995 he was elected to the post of full member in the Ukrainian National Academy of Sciences and honorary academician in the Ukrainian

Medical Dental Academy. In 1996 he became an academician in the Academy of Sciences of Higher Education of Ukraine, and in 2002 a full member of the New York Academy of Sciences. In 2004 he became a full member of the Ukrainian Academy of Sciences.

He is author of 933 published scientific works, including 54 on inventions and useful models and 74 study guides and monographs.

He established the School of Therapist Nephrologists and trained 4 doctors, 21 candidates of medicine and 8 masters of medicine, which represent the majority of the teachers in the Department of Propedeutics of Internal Medicine No 2 in NMU and has performed work in the USA, Canada and Germany as well as in many other countries. He issued five therapeutic glossaries in four languages (Ukrainian, English, Russian, Latin) and published a series of scientific works on the translation of nephrological terminology and the implementation of laws and principles of logic in nephrology. He founded (1998) the yearbook "Actual problems of nephrology", and has since been the responsible editor of the yearbook, which publishes the works of national and international authors (Germany, Russia, Slovakia, Uzbekistan). Its issues can be found on the Internet. In addition, he is a scientific editor in the gastroenterology journal "Medical care", and is on the editorial board of five other scientific journals. He has also been a member of the Presidium of Academy of Sciences of Higher Education of Ukraine and organizer and head of the of the Kyiv city Nephrological Centre for many years.

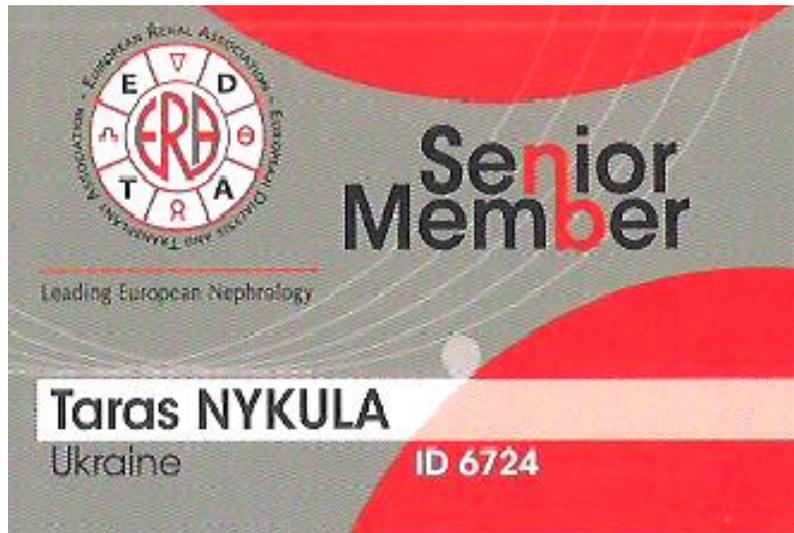
These and other achievements have wide resonance in Ukraine. In addition to the previously mentioned titles, he was awarded the Prize of AS HEU (2002), prize of Ukrainian AS (2006), six Charters of Honour awards from MHC of Ukraine, the medal of Yaroslav the Wise in AS HEU, medal of M.D. Strazhesko from NAMS of Ukraine, medal of Platon from AS of Ukraine, "Badge of Honor" from Chairman of Kyiv council, among others. He has been elected full member of the UAS, academician in AS HE of Ukraine, honorary academician of UMSA, member in the presidium of the board of the Society of Therapists of Ukraine, a member on board of the Ukrainian Association of Nephrologists of Ukraine, Deputy Chairman of the State Scientific Snatorium Resort Commission on Nephrology, Chief therapist in the Ukrainian Council on Management for resorts of trade unions and Chief Therapist in "Ukrprofozdorovnytsia", etc.

The high international acknowledgement of Taras Nykula's scientific achievements is confirmed by his election to the post of full member in the New York AS, European Renal, Dialysis and Transplantation Association, Deputy General Director in the International Biographic Centre in Europe

and member of the Research Academy of Cambridge, England. He is consulting editor of the American Biographic Institute (USA) and has been awarded several international orders and medals, including “Leaders for New Century” (Institute “Who is who”, USA), order "Excellentia", medals of “2000 famous people in XX century”, “2000 famous intellectuals in the XXI century” and “2000 famous scientists in the XXI century” (International Bibliographic Centre, Cambridge, England, 2000 and 2002). He was nominated for the honorary international titles “Man of the year” (2003, 2010), “International scientist of the year” (2003, 2004), etc.

Along with developments in nephrology, Taras Nykula has made a substantial contribution to the solution of important issues in other areas of medicine such as cardiology, gastroenterology, rheumatology, radiation medicine, etc.

He is married and has three sons, a daughter and grandson.



Taras Nykula was elected Senior Member of the ERA-EDTA