

## *The World Anatomy Day 2023 in the Belarusian State Medical University*

Members of the Belarusian Scientific Society of Morphologists took an active part in several significant events dedicated to the International Anatomy Day, which is traditionally celebrated on October 15 every year all over the world.

Under the leadership of the Chairman of the Board of the Belarusian Scientific Society of Morphologists, Professor N.A. Trushel, an international scientific and practical conference: 'Current problems of morphology at the present stage', dedicated to the 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Associate Professor Stanislav Petrovich Yaroshevich, was organized and took place on October 13, 2023 at the Belarusian State Medical University (BSMU), Minsk, Belarus.



Natalia Alekseevna Trushel, Professor, Doctor of Medicine

The conference was held in a hybrid format and was attended by more than 550 people. Professor N.A. Trushel and Vice-Rector for International Relations of BSMU Professor V.V. Rudenok made the welcoming and opening speeches. Kind words about Associate Professor S.P. Yaroshevich and the wishes of successful work to all conference participants were expressed by the Vice-Rector for Scientific Work of the BSMU, Professor V.A. Filonyuk.

The activities of Associate Professor S.P. Yaroshevich left a noticeable mark in the history of anatomy in Belarus, the Department of Normal Anatomy, and the university. His significant legacy continues to live on in his graduates and his teaching. Therefore, morphologists from different parts of Belarus, Russia and Moldova came to the commemorative event associated with it.



Conference participants

In the plenary session, reports were made on the life, educational and scientific activities of Associate Professor S.P. Yaroshevich. At the beginning of the meeting, Y.A. Huseva, Associate Professor of the Department of Normal Anatomy of BSMU, spoke on behalf of the group of authors with a report on the role of the personality of S.P. Yaroshevich in the development of the Department of Normal Anatomy of the BSMU, his contribution to the organization of scientific, pedagogical, and social activities of the university and his merits in the recruitment of medical personnel in the Republic of Belarus.



Conference Presidium. Associate Professor Y.A. Huseva delivers her report.

Outstanding anatomist S.P. Yaroshevich was born on the eve of Anatomist Day on October 13, 1938 and selflessly served medicine and the benefit of the medical university for more than 60 years of his life. In her report, Associate Professor Huseva emphasised the main areas of scientific activity of S.P. Yaroshevich, including histochemistry and anatomy of the nervous system.

Particular attention was paid to the activities of S.P. Yaroshevich during the years of his leadership of the Department of Normal Anatomy of BSMU. Scientific research at that time was devoted to the applied aspects of teaching anatomy and the role of anatomy in the system of specialised subject education at a medical university.

It was emphasized that S.P. Yaroshevich was the first anatomist in the Republic of Belarus who began to study the legal, ethical and religious aspects of the use of dead bodies in the educational process. He participated in the implementation of a program for bioethical training of specialists.

S.P. Yaroshevich was the first person to begin teaching anatomy in the Belarusian language. He published the work 'Anatomical Dictionary', which contains a list of anatomical terms in Latin, Russian and Belarusian. He was also a recognized authority on the history of anatomy.

He attached great importance to the principle of visualisation in teaching anatomy and developed a unique method of fixing specimens to ensure visualisation of the specimen from four sides, with the help of which more than 70 specimens were made from the fund of the anatomical museum of the Department of Normal Anatomy.

For almost 20 years (from 1985 to 1996 and from 2006 to 2014) he led the student scientific society of the Department of Normal Anatomy. Together with students he developed new interesting directions in the study of human anatomy. He made a significant contribution to the training of medical personnel. Many of his students became highly qualified specialists. From the report of A.A. Artishevsky, Professor of the Department of Histology, Cytology and Embryology of BSMU, conference participants learned the history of the creation of Belarusian-language dictionaries and textbooks.



*Presidium. The report of Professor A.A. Artishevsky*

The forum featured about 50 oral presentations and 118 poster presentations from more than 500 participants. These were morphologists (teachers, doctors), graduate students and students from different parts of Belarus, Russia and Moldova.

Among the leading scientists who took part in the conference were: I.P. Stepanova (Smolensk State Medical University), N.T. Alekseeva (Voronezh State Medical University named after N. N. Burdenko) and F.G. Gadzhieva (Grodno State Medical University) and many others.

At the sectional sessions of the conference, reports were heard on the development and structure of organs, organ systems in normal conditions, pathology and experiment, clinical anatomy of organs and systems, as well as issues of increasing the efficiency of teaching morphological disciplines. Many reports were made in online format.



For active participation in the international conference dedicated to the memory of Associate Professor S.P. Yaroshevich, Chairman of the Belarusian Scientific Society of Morphologists, Professor N.A. Trushel expressed thanks to all the foreign and Belarusian colleagues on behalf of the Rector of BSMU, Professor S.P. Rubnikovich.

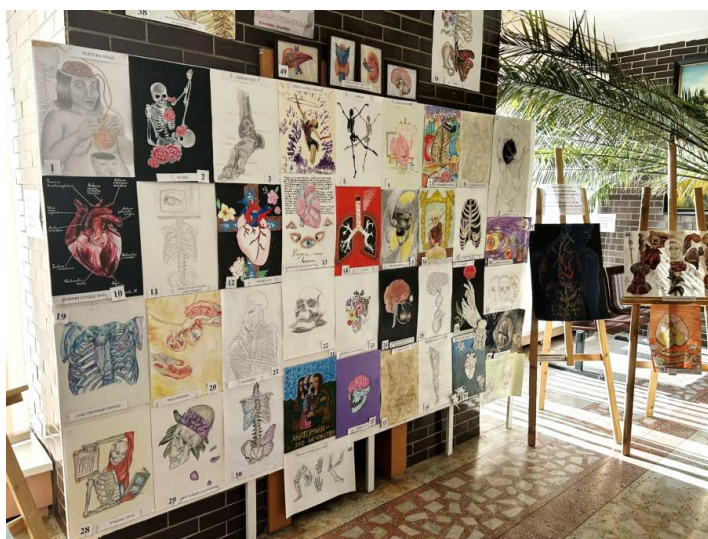
S.P. Yaroshevich relatives were also present at the conference - daughter N. S. Shchirskaya and granddaughter I.O. Labkovich.

An exhibition of the printed works of Associate Professor S.P. Yaroshevich, the number of which totals more than 150, was timed to coincide with the event.



Exhibition of scientific works of S.P. Yaroshevich, Associate Professor, PhD

The second significant event dedicated to World Anatomy Day was the Exhibition-Competition of Anatomical Drawing, dedicated to the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the student scientific club 'Normal Anatomy', ARS ANATOMICA.





*Exhibition-competition of anatomical drawing, dedicated to the 100th anniversary of the student scientific club 'Normal Anatomy', ARS ANATOMICA.*

Thus, on this day, like no other, the Belarusian Scientific Society of Morphologists had the opportunity to note the importance of anatomy as an academic discipline and show its important role in the training of healthcare specialists. The organisation of such events dedicated to outstanding scientists and teachers has become a tradition for the staff of the Department of Normal Anatomy of BSMU.



# PLEXUS

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF ASSOCIATIONS OF ANATOMISTS

## INTHIS ISSUE:

### » Editorial

### » A Note from Your President

### » Reports

- American Association for Anatomy (AAA): Anatomical Visualization: The Pathway to Progress

### » In Memoriam

- Dr Victor Cox– 1941 – 2023
- Dr Linda Walters – 1951 - 2023
- Dr Aaron John Ladman– 1925 – 2023

### » Welcome to a new Society:

- The Society of Clinical Anatomist (SOCA), India.

### » World Anatomy Day Celebrations

- National Journal of Clinical Anatomy (NJCA) under the aegis of Society of Clinical Anatomists, India
- Queen Mary University of London at the Barts Pathology Museum
- Chinese Society of Anatomical Sciences (CSAS)
- Belarusian State Medical University
- Anatomy Society of Pakistan
- University of Palermo, Italy

### » Upcoming Events

- IFAA2024: InnoAnat (Innovative Anatomy) – 5<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at Kimdaejung Convention Centre, Gwangju, Korea
- SciComm Bootcamp – June 20-21<sup>st</sup> 2024 at Rockville, Maryland