

# TRIBUTE *to* PROF. NURLAN AKHPAROV

This time we honor Prof. Nurlan Akhparov - an outstanding pediatric surgeon from Almaty, Kazakhstan, our editorial board member, a reliable and enthusiastic friend, loving husband and father. Since September Nurlan fought covid-19 and no one could have foreseen this tragic end. On 9 October 2021 Nurlan Akhparov died aged only 61.

His credentials are impressive: MD, Professor, Academician of European Academy of Natural Sciences, Chief of the Department for Pediatric Surgery at Research Center for Pediatrics and Children Surgery, Almaty. Kazakhstan.

More than 40 years Nurlan Akhparov devoted to medicine. 28 years out of them he worked at Research Centre of Pediatrics and Pediatric Surgery. Prof. Akhparov performed over 10 000 surgeries and gave a second life to many children. In 1994 Nurlan Akhparov was one of the founders and all the time Chief of the Department for Pediatric Surgery until his last day. His research and practical specialties were thoracoabdominal surgery, coloproctology. Prof. Nurlan Akhparov was the first in Kazakhstan to introduce 21 new surgical procedures. Nurlan Akhparov filed 20 patent applications, 2 rationalization proposals, published 290 research papers among them 3 monographs and a manual for doctors. Prof. Akhparov supervised numerous MD theses and PhD dissertations.

Nurlan Akhparov received prestigious national awards: "Excellence in Healthcare of Republic of Kazakhstan" (2005). The prize «Ilkham» by Maecenas Club of Kazakhstan in the nomination «Science» (2007). The Republic Prize "Folk Hero" in the nomination "For Loyalty to the Profession" (2009). Prof. Akhparov was awarded with Robert Koch Medal (2016) and the Order of Alexander III (2017) for his outstanding contribution in medicine.

Prof. Akhparov served as an editorial board member of a number of journals: *Archiv Euromedica*, *Pediatrics and Pediatric Surgery*, *Healthcare of Tajikistan* and from 2018 - *American Journal of Pediatrics*.

For years we were privileged to welcome Nurlan at our medical events, to enjoy post-conference tours together... Our heartfelt condolences to the family and friends. Dear Doctor, we have so many memories, you will be forever in our hearts. In loving memory!

*on behalf of Editorial Board of Journal ArchivEuromedica*

**Georg Tyminski**  
*Editor-in-Chief*

