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**Requiescat in pace
Vladyslav Volodymyrovych Povoroznyuk,
the Editor-in-Chief of "Pain. Joints. Spine"
(22.10.1954 — 12.06.2021)**



Professor Vladyslav Povoroznyuk passed away on June 12, 2021 at the age of 66 years. He was known as the acting President of the Ukrainian Association of Osteoporosis, President of the Ukrainian Association of Andropause, Menopause, Bone and Joint Disease; Head of the Ukrainian Division of the European Vitamin D Association (EVIDAS); Head of the Ukrainian

Scientific-Medical Center of Osteoporosis, Head of the Department of Clinical Physiology and Pathology of the Locomotor Apparatus of State Institution «Dmitry F. Chebotarev Institute of Gerontology of the National Academy of Medical Sciences of Ukraine», Editor-in-Chief of "Pain. Joints. Spine" journal, and the Honoured Scientist and Technology Expert of Ukraine.

Professor V.V. Povoroznyuk was born and raised in the village of Sydory, Velykopolovetsky (presently, Bilotserkivsky) district, Kyiv region, Ukraine. He graduated from O. O. Bohomolets Kyiv Medical Institute in 1977 and began his scientific career as a junior research fellow in the Institute of Gerontology. In 1988, he defended the PhD thesis and in 1999 he defended the Doctoral thesis "Osteoporosis in the Ukrainian population: risk factors, clinic, diagnostics, and treatment", a breakthrough study for the Ukrainian medical science.

From 1992 until the last day of his life, he headed the Department of Clinical Physiology and Pathology of the Locomotor Apparatus.

Professor V.V. Povoroznyuk's field of academic interests included a wide range of theoretical and practical issues of medicine. Vladyslav Povoroznyuk initiated and launched the ongoing epidemiological studies of osteoporosis and its complications, Vitamin D deficiency and insufficiency, and sarcopenia. The reference database of the structural-functional bone state was established for the Ukrainian population, along with the instruments of osteoporotic risk evaluation. The system of recommendations on the management of locomotor apparatus pathologies were developed for the Ukrainian physicians operating on various healthcare levels.

In 1996, prof. V.V. Povoroznyuk promoted the creation of the Ukrainian Association of Osteo-

porosis; he was also elected its president. In the same year under the aegis of the Ukrainian Association of Osteoporosis he founded the Ukrainian Scientific-Medical Centre of Osteoporosis providing consultation and treatment to people all over the country.

Professor V.V. Povoroznyuk authored and co-authored over 800 papers, 20 monographs, over 50 inventor's certificates and manuals. He supervised 30 PhD and 15 Doctoral theses.

Professor V.V. Povoroznyuk was a recognized opinion leader on the issues of osteoporosis in Ukraine and all over the world. His contributions were awarded by numerous national and international prizes, among them the medal by the International Osteoporosis Foundation (IOF)'s Committee of National Societies (CNS) in 2014, the award by the European Vitamin D Association Scientific Society (EVIDAS) in 2014, John P. Bilezikian ISCD (International Society for Clinical Densitometry) Global Leadership Award in 2016.

Professor V.V. Povoroznyuk had a vibrant, larger-than-life presence, exuding his professionalism, humanity, optimism and intelligence, and reaching out to everyone around. His death is a great and irreparable loss for the Ukrainian and international academic and research community. He will always be in the memory of his family, colleagues, and friends. ■

The Publishing House Zaslavsky, the Editorial Board of "Pain. Joints. Spine" journal express their condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of Vladyslav Volodymyrovych Povoroznyuk. We have been tightly bound in collaboration for over 10 years. It was our honor to have Vladyslav Volodymyrovych as the Editor-in-Chief, publish his studies, attend and report on the numerous events where Vladyslav Volodymyrovych and his students presented their pioneering findings, recognized by the international medical community over and over again. Rest in peace, our dear Vladyslav Volodymyrovych!