Dear readers of “The New Armenian Medical Journal”!

I am very pleased to present the publications of the staff of Kharkiv National Medical University in such an authoritative medical edition as “The New Armenian Medical Journal”.

Kharkiv National Medical University is one of the oldest higher medical schools in Ukraine, which is now preparing to celebrate its 215th anniversary. Our University traces its history from the medical faculty of the Imperial Kharkiv University, founded in 1804.

Kharkiv National Medical University has served the development of medical science and practice, striving for the best quality of education and research. In the list of the names that created the history of our University, there are the names of professors I.I. Mechnikov, V.F. Groube, L.L. Girshman, A.G. Podrez, I.P. Lazarevitch, V.Ya. Danylevsky, N.S. Bokarius, M.P. Trinkler, V.P. Vorobyov, A.M. Gasparyan, L.A. Oganesyan, L.T. Malaya, V.I. Grischenko, A.A. Shalimov and many others, who made a significant contribution to world medicine and brought well-deserved fame to Kharkiv. These professors of the Faculty of Medicine of Kharkiv University were the first who performed such surgeries as ovariotomy, definitive resection of stomach, open heart surgery, and made significant scientific discoveries in the Russian Empire.

Today, Kharkiv National Medical University is a modern multi-discipline educational institution with a strong scientific, material and technical base. Our University has six educational research and production associations, seven educational, scientific and scientific-practical centres: Training and Research Medical Complex “The University Clinic”, Research Institute of Occupational Hygiene and Occupational Diseases, Medical Training and Research Division “The Dental Centre”, Medical College, Scientific and Practical Centre for Preclinical and Clinical Trials, Centre for Gender Education and Centre for Medical Regional Studies, etc.

The University has 70 departments. The University staff counts 933 academic and research professionals, including 116 professors, 72 associate professors, 129 doctors of medical science and 543 candidates of sciences (PhDs). Among them there is one academician of the NAMS of Ukraine, five corresponding members of the Ukrainian National Academy of Sciences, 15 Honoured Workers of Science and Technology of Ukraine, 15 Honoured Doctors of Ukraine, Honoured Worker of Pharmacy of Ukraine, three Honoured Workers of Education of Ukraine, nine laureates of the State Prize of Ukraine in Science and Technology, 19 academicians of state and public academies of Ukraine.

Over the period of KhNMU’s existence, more than 62,000 doctors have been trained in its walls. Currently, more than 7,000 students are studying at the University, including more than 3,000 foreign citizens from 82 countries. KhNMU was one of the first in Ukraine (1951) to start training medical personnel for different countries of the world. Over this period, the University has trained more than 3,600 professionals for 86 countries in Western Europe, Asia, Africa, Latin America, the Middle East, including three doctors of sciences and 70 candidates of medical science, more than 250 clinical residents.

The University is proud that its alumni were and continue to be the elite of their countries. Among the students of Kharkiv Higher Medical School: 34 academicians and corresponding members of various academies of sciences, six Heroes of Labour, Heroes of Socialist Labour and Heroes of Ukraine, 34 laureates of State Prizes, 23 ministers and heads of government authorities, 67 directors of research institutes and centres, 31 rectors of higher education institutions, 17 deputies of the Supreme Council of Ukraine, and six honorary citizens of Ukrainian cities.

Throughout the history of the University, international educational and scientific cooperation were one of the priorities of its activity. It included cooperation with educational and scientific institutions, with international organizations, publishing houses and scientific journals. We are very pleased that the authoritative edition of the Yerevan State Medical University after Mkhtiar Heratsi “The New Armenian Medical Journal” has become our good partner and friend. I would like to congratulate the founders and editorial staff of the journal, represented by the Rector of the Yerevan Medical University after Mkhtiar Heratsi, Professor Armen Muradyan and the Editor-in-Chief Professor Arto Zilfyan, with the 10th anniversary of “The New Armenian Medical Journal”. I want to wish respected colleagues new interesting publications, a large number of interested readers, further leadership positions among international medical editions, peace and prosperity!