



In Memoriam

ALEXANDER HINEV: GREAT IN TRIPLICATE - SURGEON, SCHOLAR AND FRIEND

- *How old are you?*
- *I'm exactly seven and a half years old, Alice said.*
- *You do not have to say exactly, the Queen noted*
- *If someone help you, you can stay at seven, the Queen continued.*

Lewis Carroll, "Alice in the Mirror World"



Alexander Hinev
(2 June 1957 –
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ALEXANDER HINEV was a renowned surgeon of urology in both Bulgaria and abroad. An erudite with a wide spectrum of interests, often beyond his field, and a man who was totally devoted to his work. He dedicated his life to clinical and research urology, also teaching medical and dental students.

ALEX (or SASHO, how friends used to call him in Bulgarian) graduated *summa cum laude* from both the English Language School (1976) and Medical University (1984), Varna, Bulgaria. He did remain loyal and devoted to his family, patients, students and friends until his untimely end. He was Professor and Head of Clinic of Urology at St. Marina University Hospital, Medical University, Varna, Bulgaria. He had specializations in urology and oncology and was Visiting Professor in Germany, France, Malta, Sweden, Romania, Egypt, Japan, Switzerland, Great Britain and Italy. His main research activities were in the field of oncurology, endourology, andrology and reconstructive surgery.

Professor HINEV was a pioneer in the development new surgical procedures in his clinic. He shared readily his knowledge and skills with his colleagues. His purposefulness aimed at the combination of surgery, research and teaching, and he was a translational urologist indeed. ALEX devoted much of his enthusiasm and innovative energy to his work. He was the author of several textbooks of urology and of four monographs, one of which was published abroad. He was a member of the European Urology Association, the American Urological Association and the International Urological Society, and Secretary of the Bulgarian Urology Society (2011-2015), Honorary Member of the Bulgarian Andrology Association and of the Bulgarian Society for Cell Biology. Professor HINEV was elected Medical Doctor of the Year 2000 and awarded with the Varna Prize 2010. Indeed, he was a great surgeon and scholar!

We lost a respected brain-and-heart friend (BHF), who will be long remembered for his quiet character and for his creative work for the excellence of surgery, science and friendship. RIP, ALEX!

George N. Chaldakov and BHF's