

# Special session of the 'Best Medical Practice' project 'MEDICAL TOURISM AND HEALTH IMPROVEMENT: IN FOCUS GEORGIA'

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## PRESS RELEASE

On June 2-6, 2019, the International Conference 'Best Medical Practice: In focus Georgia' was held in hospitable Tbilisi. The conference was held under the auspices of the European Medical Association (Belgium) and gathered about 60 medical leaders and leading wellness regimen experts from eight countries. Top topics of the conference: cooperation in the framework of medical tourism programmes, acquaintance with innovative achievements of the Georgian healthcare system and unique properties of local nature. During the conference, the opportunities offered to the participants of the 'Best Medical Practice' project and EMA members, as well as the best methods of health improvement and treatment, were presented. The procedure for admission of new members to the Association from the countries of Eastern Europe and Central Asia within the framework of the 'EMA: New Names' case was one of the important points of the programme. The procedure was conducted by the President of the EMA Dr. Vincenzo Costigliola. Representatives of healthcare of Georgia, Azerbaijan, the Czech Republic, Russia, and Ukraine became the members of the European Medical Association.



During the plenary session the speeches were given by: Professor, MD Sergo Tabagari, Vice Rector of Tbilisi State University, Chairman of the Georgian Association of Postgraduate Education in Health and Biomedicine; Ganna Zhukova, Professor, MD, President of the International Association of Health Practice Specialists; the host partner of the conference – Professor, Ph.D. Anzor Melia, the founder and head of the cardiological clinic 'Guli'.

Further, the conference participants, including representatives of academic and business communities of Georgia, got acquainted with the presentations of innovative medical centres and know-hows of private medicine practitioners.



The business part of the conference ended with a visit to the cardiological clinic 'Guli', the country's leading specialized clinic, the forerunner of private healthcare in Georgia. The conference participants were able to get to know the experience of the clinic specialists, diagnostic equipment, methods of work, traditions and innovative technologies. All those present appreciated this visit and were able to learn a lot of new and useful things for themselves.

In the evening, during the solemn reception of participants by the Summit Organizing Committee,

the Socrates Awarding Ceremony was held, during which our distinguished contemporaries, as well as teams of the best medical centres and companies, were presented with prestigious international awards for achievements in professional and scientific activities in the field of medicine and healthcare.

Prof., MD Jamila Fazil Kurbanova, President of the National Association for the Support and Development of Gynecology and Perinatology (Azerbaijan); Prof., Dr. of Medicine Yashar Ibadov, Head of the Laboratory of Mental Hygiene and Medical and Psychological Diagnostics of the Institute of Education of Azerbaijan; Ekaterina Yatsenko, Candidate of Medical Sciences, Director of the Author's Neurological Clinic (Ukraine) and Viktor Petrosyan, Director General of Tomomed (Russian Federation) became the owners of the prestigious European award 'Rose of Paracelsus' (Great Britain - Belgium).



Alla Kulikova, Professor, Candidate of Medical and Biological Sciences, President of the International Psi-Academy (the Czech Republic), became the owner of the award of the International Socrates Committee (United Kingdom).

The title 'Professor of the Academic Union, Oxford' – the top honour of the prestigious academic community of Great Britain for outstanding achievements in science and medical practice and personal contribution to the development and improvement of the modern world – was given to Professor Jamila Fazil Kurbanova and Professor Anzor Melia. Many other participants of the ceremony were presented with diplomas, certificates and memorable gifts.

The award ceremony was conducted by the President of the European Medical Association Dr. Vincenzo Costigliola and the co-chairman of the International Socrates Committee, Prof. Anton Savvov. Anton Savvov also presented a new book of the Publishing Centre of the Europe Business Assembly (UK) – 'World awards in masterpieces of timeless art'.

During the conference, a series of innovative master classes in the field of medicine and healthcare was carried out, as well as excursions and business negotiations.

And the conference ended with the final and unforgettable event: a trip to the land of wine and hospitality – sunny Kakhetia, at the invitation of the conference general partner, Dr. Anzor Melia.

The guests of the forum noted the high level of organization, the representativeness of the event, the variety of interesting events and the importance for solving medical problems. For many of participants the conference became a start for new international projects and new initiatives, it helped them to find like-minded people and friends. We thank all participants and partners of the summit for the fruitful cooperation, we wish them health, prosperity, well-being and are looking forward to new productive meetings and joint projects.

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