IN MEMORIAM

On November 15, 2020, at the age of 73, our beloved and highly respected colleague, friend and teacher Dr. Emil Iliev passed away unexpectedly!

He is a phenomenon in the sky of Bulgarian medicine and culture.

Born in Sofia, Bulgaria, into a family of medical doctors, Emil Iliev naturally took on the professional path of his parents and after graduating as a doctor of medicine, specialized in Dermatology and venereology as his mother, and later Acupuncture in Beijing, PR of China.

Dr. Emil Iliev was working at the Institute of Dermatology and Venereology of the Medical University of Sofia and from 1976 until his retirement he headed the Acupuncture department. During this time he has trained over 500 doctors in Medical acupuncture.

Being among the early supporters of ICMART, he continued to contribute over all the years. Two of ICMART World congresses held in Sofia, Bulgaria, last one in 2016 were organized by him.

Dr. Iliev has been the founder and President of the Bulgarian TCM Society since 1982, and since 2017 its Honorary President. He is an honorary member of 18 acupuncture associations around the world. He has over 100 publications in the field of dermatology and acupuncture, in scientific journals and at congresses. His book on laser therapy in dermatology is published in Germany.

I am lucky and grateful to know Dr. Iliev for almost 30 years.

A charismatic person with huge potential and exceptional ability to unite and organize people. He worked with scope, enthusiasm and dedication. This is how he organized the congresses in acupuncture and dermatology, as well as the wonderful Jazz Fest in Bansko, his passion, the largest jazz event in Bulgaria and in the Balkans. Such a person, so vital, with such a great love of life, cannot go unnoticed.

Dr. Emil Iliev was a doctor by vocation. He considered it his mission to help people, to heal them, to make them happy and he did it in his own unique way with a lot of kindness, needles and music!

A bow to you, dear teacher! I will not say the usual goodbye to you. You left a bright trace behind you and we-your students will follow it and continue your noble work, carrying you alive in our hearts!

May your memory be bright!

On behalf of The Bulgarian TCM Society

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attached picture:
Picture: The last workshop of our Society, 11 Sept. 2020,
The main topic COVID?!