

XV congress of the surgeons of the Republic of Belarus on October, 15-17 in Brest assembled 310 health care professionals from our country, and also doctors from the Ukraine, Russia, Poland, Germany, Belgium, Moldova, Lithuania and Latvia. In the framework of 8 sections issues of cardiosurgery, hepatopancreatobiliary surgery, thoracic and general surgery, transplantology, phlebology, coloproctology, innovations in surgery were discussed. Employees of general surgery department took active part in the XV congress of the surgeons.

During the congress opening professor of the general surgery department G.P.Rychagov together with other outstanding figures of national surgical science and practice was honored with memorial sign for long-term activities for the benefit of national surgery and in recognition his contributions to the medical science of the Republic of Belarus. Also G.P.Rychagov as acting chairman of the PO "Belarusian Association of Surgeons" made a welcoming speech to the delegates of the Congress and the report on the work of the Belarusian Association of Surgeons.

The delegation of the department, headed by Head of Department Professor Sergei Alexeevich Alexeev, actively worked within the scientific sections devoted to the problems of modern pankreatology, biliary surgery, and septic surgery. Professor S.A.Alexeev was moderator of the section "Achievements and unusual situations in urgent abdominal surgery" (session 2), together with professors S.A.Zhydkov and M.V.Zavada. Professor G.P.Rychagov, together with professors V.I.Averyn and A.I.Kovalev (Moscow) was moderator of the section "Achievements and unusual situations in urgent abdominal surgery" (session 1), and under the same meeting made a report "Results of the diagnostics and treatment of patients with colorectal cancer complicated with obstructive ileus, in terms of time".

Teaching assistant P.P.Koshevski presented oral report on "Laparoscopic and minilaparotomy access in surgery of cholelithiasis complicated by obstructive jaundice" within the section "Endoscopic, bariatric and plastic surgery: achievements and prospects" (coauthors: S.A.Alexeev, I.D.Semenchuk, K.L.Beynar). Poster presentation on "Systemic inflammatory response syndrome in patients with erysipelas" was presented by post-graduate student S.A.Klimuk (co-authors: A.V.Laptsevich, A.G.Rymashevski; Supervisor: Professor S.A.Alexeev).

Within the section "Problems and achievements of hepatic-pancreatic-biliary surgery" special guest of the Congress, the chairman of the Belgian association of surgeons, co-founder of the European association of surgeons Professor Luc A. Michel presented the report «Modern diagnosis and treatment of acute necrotizing pancreatitis». Previously, in Minsk, Professor L.A.Mishel delivered two lectures

for 3rd year students of medical faculty BSMU and everyone interested on the topics of modern management of blunt abdominal trauma and surgical issues of retrosternal goiter.

Employees of the department express their deepest gratitude to the organizers of the Congress for the opportunity to participate in a scientific landmark event for surgical community, and thank the Organization Committee for the excellent arrangement.