

Dear Professor Anatoly Prokrovsky, our honoured Russian Colleague,

The European Society for Vascular Surgery wishes to extend their warmest congratulations to you on the celebration of your 90th birthday!

It is evident that you have been one of the key persons in the development of vascular surgery in Russia, not only as a clinician but also in the scientific field. As Chief Editor of Angiology and Vascular Surgery and President and founder of the Russian Association of Angiologists and Vascular Surgeons, your pioneering role in vascular surgery in your country is outstanding.

You have also played a remarkable role in the European Society for Vascular Surgery. The most significant years were 1999–2000, when you served as President of the ESVS. The highlight of your tenure was the great Annual Meeting in London, where I had the privilege to meet you while I was attending my first annual meeting of the ESVS. Your prominent work in the ESVS can be seen in the relationship that exists between the ESVS and Russia to this day – the Society has extremely active vascular surgeons from Russia, who contribute greatly to developing the Society.

The programme of the International Conference of Vascular Surgery in Russia, Past Present and Future, highlights your career. We can see your substantial role in vascular surgery and the remarkable skills in several fields of vascular surgery.

We want to join you in celebrating your ninety-year journey. We recognize your significant work both nationally and internationally and thank you for your many achievements and the tales you love to share. We wish you all the best on this special birthday – let it be filled with fond memories of your long and honourable life and all the great things you have achieved!

On behalf of the European Society for Vascular Surgery

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