

Congatulations Prof. Anatoly Pokrovsky!

I was informed that you, professor Pokrovsky, are soon celebrating your 90th anniversary. Time flies! You have been such an important person for the development of Vascular Surgery in the former Soviet Union, in Russia, and in Europe. You were the first president of the Russian SVS, and in when we celebrated the dawn of the 21st century you were the president of all vascular surgeons of Europe. I know from having discussed with younger colleagues how much your hard work and role model has meant to them.

On this great day, please receive my deepest respect and gratitude. In this time period, when the world is experiencing hard times and division, working across borders in the interest of our patients is more important than ever before. Politics may try to divide us, but through defending science and medical ethical standards we can unite.

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