

Dear colleagues,

The year 2024 was marked by interesting events in the world of traumatology and orthopaedics. In Russia, the trend towards substitution of imported goods has been maintained in the development of applied science. Much attention was paid to the application and development of the Ilizarov method both in our country and abroad.

At the beginning of 2024, the ASAMICON India conference was held, bringing together Ilizarov followers from the Asian region (India, China, Bangladesh, the Philippines, Indonesia). As part of the conference, the Ilizarov Center participants (members of the ASAMI-Russia) held master classes, gave lectures and presented reports on the application of the Ilizarov transosseous osteosynthesis method.

The annual international conference the *Ilizarov Readings*, held in June and dedicated to the birthday of G.A. Ilizarov, was devoted to staged orthopaedic surgery: planned and revision interventions. The conference program included scientific and practical sessions and training master classes on transosseous osteosynthesis in the treatment of bone defects and various issues of bone and joint infection. The event was attended by representatives of the regions of our country and foreign colleagues from India, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Burkina Faso, Oman, Uzbekistan.

The VI World Congress of ASAMI & ILLRS was held in Beijing with the participation of representatives from more than 40 countries. For almost a week, from September 17 to September 22, leading experts of the world orthopaedic community discussed various aspects of the Ilizarov method application. At the opening ceremony, the Ilizarov Center was distinguished with an award for its significant contribution to the development of external fixation.

The events continued with a congress on gunshot wounds, at which much attention was paid to external fixation, and the name of Academician Ilizarov was most frequently mentioned. The speakers presented reports on the application of the Ilizarov method in the acute and late periods of combat injuries of the musculoskeletal system, its consequences and complications. Prospects were also discussed, including the organization of educational events on the application of the Ilizarov method.

We are confident that external fixation methods will continue to attract much interest in 2025. We have planned to hold scientific and practical events on the Ilizarov method. The main event will be the *Ilizarov Week in Russia*. It will start with a cadaver course in Yekaterinburg, continue with the *Ilizarov Readings* conference and educational events in Kurgan, followed by scientific, practical and educational sections held at the EOF site under the auspices of ASAMI-Russia.

I would like to highlight the undying interest of domestic and foreign trauma- and orthopaedic surgeons in the Ilizarov method on the eve of the anniversary dates of 2026 (105 years since the birth of Academician G.A. Ilizarov, 75 years of the Ilizarov method, 55 years of the Ilizarov Center). I believe we are in the phase of professional rethinking of traumatological and orthopaedic approaches and are increasingly aware of the continuing importance of the Ilizarov method in the world of orthopaedics not only as a technology, but also as a philosophy.

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