

Поздравление с 80-летием Президента Форума Кох–Мечников, профессора Хельмута Хана

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Prof. Dr. med. Dr. h.c. mult. Helmut Hahn, president of the Koch-Mechnikov Forum celebrates his 80th birthday in March 2017

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Helmut Hahn, medical microbiologist and immunologist, professor emeritus of the Charité University Medicine in Berlin, past president of the Berlin Medical Association, co-founder of the Koch-Mechnikov Forum (KMF) and foreign member of the Russian Academy of Medical Sciences, has been active in Russian-German collaborative activities in biomedicine and healthcare for more than 14 years. The list of merits, honours and acknowledgements is even longer than the ones I chose to introduce him and in parallel to illustrate his wide range of activities and interests in the first sentence.

As president of the KMF, Helmut Hahn initiated, organized and did lots of different bi- and multilateral projects in the fields of infection control, education and training, exchange of experts and many other medical fields. And very often, he invested his private money to ensure that the particular project could be done.

But much more than the various work day-by-day which fills annual programs of the KMF year-by-year, his main merit is in supporting the basic idea and the spirit of the KMF over the years as a platform of bringing to-



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gether people from Russia and Germany in the fields of health and medicine, not respecting any political or social circumstances, just interested in the contents of the joint Russian-German work. Thus, Helmut Hahn is virtually the incarnation of the good tradition of Russian-German collaboration in medicine from the times before 1914. With his words and deeds, he stands for continuity and reliability in these activities. Thanks to him, the various projects of KMF formed the basis for the Russian-German Agreement in healthcare from July 2010 and for any activity in medicine and healthcare in the frame-

work of the modernization partnership between Russia and Germany.

Together with the German and Russian colleagues and friends who are also active in collaborative projects and on behalf of the KMF, I would like to congratulate Helmut Hahn to his 80th birthday. For the sake of the German-Russian relationship in medicine and healthcare, we all wish that he will remain active in his work of furthering joint activities, mutual trust and maintaining the good spirit of the Koch-Mechnikov Forum!

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