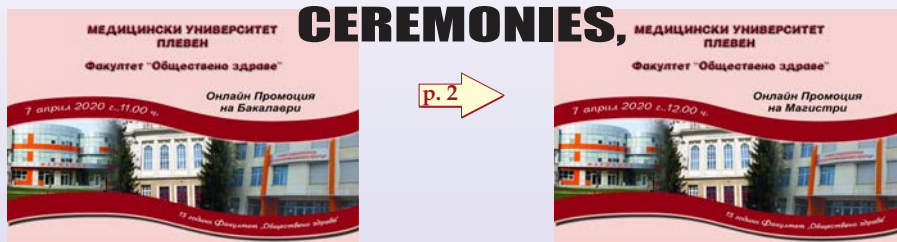




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## **MU-PLEVEN INTRODUCED AN ONLINE, DISTANCE FORM OF EDUCATION FOR ITS STUDENTS AND STAFF**

In adherence to the Order of the Minister of Health from March 13th, 2020, which introduced anti-epidemic measures on the territory of the districts with registered confirmed case of COVID-19 and the Decision of the National Assembly to impose a state of emergency on the territory of Bulgaria from March 13, 2020, the Rector of the Medical University - Pleven issued orders for the introduction of distance learning for students, lecturers and employees from March 16 to May 13, 2020.

Medical University - Pleven harnessed all its potential - intellectual, financial and administrative - to introduce a package of measures to deal with the crisis and to create favorable conditions for the continuing education of students and mostly unhampered work process for lecturers and staff of the higher education institution. An educational model was developed, according to which the educational process for the regulated specialties in the medical university was allowed to continue. This was realized through distance learning, virtual classrooms and educational medical platforms. Medical University - Pleven has established and operates a Center for Distance Learning, with opportunities for training in a virtual classroom. From March 16, 2020, lecturers in all disciplines began uploading their lectures, teaching materials and tests on the distance learning platform, according to the curricula of the respective specialties. Through the use of the virtual classroom, students were in daily contact with their teachers,



participated in discussions and case studies. An educational platform of lectures, videos, exercises and medical tests, conducted by renowned professors, scientists and researchers from leading universities around the

world was purchased. The administrative service of the students in the faculties continued electronically and was not interrupted.

From March 16, 2020, a remote form of work was introduced for lecturers and employees of the university, according to the provisions of the Order of the Minister of Health of the Republic of Bulgaria. Intensified anti-epidemic measures were taken in the work premises, including an entry filter, disinfection and ventilation, and personal hygiene instruction. Entry was forbidden for employees with manifestations of acute infectious diseases, and the Heads of the main units and departments prepared schedules according to the specifics and availability of attendance, with which to ensure the necessary minimum for maintaining the activity of all academic and administrative units.

*Information: V. Dukova*

## **THROUGH TWO ONLINE GRADUATION CEREMONIES, 128 STUDENTS FROM THE FACULTY OF PUBLIC HEALTH TOOK THEIR FIRST STEPS AS FULLY-QUALIFIED SPECIALISTS**

In the year celebrating the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its founding, the Faculty of Public Health held the graduation ceremonies of 128 bachelors and masters on April 7 - International Health Day and a holiday of health professionals - in an online format. The nation-wide state of emergency and the epidemic situation necessitated the cancellation of all in-person events and scientific forums of Medical University - Pleven and the transition to a new format of their holding - online. Professor Dr. Silvia Yankulovska, Dean of the Faculty of Public Health, invited

all the graduates to a virtual classroom, which became a ceremonial hall for the two online promotions - for bachelors and masters. There they took an oath virtually, from home or from work, and were congratulated by the Dean, the Rector and their colleagues. They also enjoyed a special musical greeting.

The graduation ceremony of the Bachelors of Year 2019 was held online on April 7 from 11.00 am, and then from 12.00 pm the virtual celebration of the Masters of Year 2020

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of the Faculty of Public Health took place. A total of 128 bachelors and masters from four specialties of the Faculty of Public Health graduated: 28 bachelors from the specialty "Medical Rehabilitation and Occupational Therapy", class of 2019; 8 bachelors in "Public Health Protection and Control", class 2019; 25 Bachelors in "Health Care Management", class 2020; 39 Masters in "Health Care Management", 2019 and 2020 as well as 28 Masters in "Public Health and Health Management", class 2020. A total of 31 (24%) are graduates who have completed their studies with excellent results. The following students graduated with full marks in the part-time form of education: Maria Plamenova Getova, specialty

"Health Care Management", Master's Degree, Alumni 2019 and Antonia Angelova Stateva, specialty "Health Care Management", Master's Degree, Alumni 2020. As part of the full-time form of education, full marks were received by Kristiana Vasileva Matova, specialty "Protection and control of public health", Bachelor's Degree, class of 2019, with an excellent grade of 5.88.

On May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2005 the first General Assembly of the Faculty of Public Health was held for the election of a faculty council and the first Dean - Assoc. Prof. Dr. Gena Grancharova was elected. In 2020, Medical University - Plevn celebrates 15 years since the founding of the faculty.

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## A NEW VIROLOGY LABORATORY WAS ESTABLISHED AT MU-PLEVEN TO COMBAT THE CORONAVIRUS



On April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020, the newly opened Virology Laboratory for the determining of COVID-19 cases started operating. Investing a large amount of its own funds, Medical University - Plevn has completed the construction and acquired the necessary equipment of the new Virology Laboratory for Coronavirus Research at MU-Plevn's *Research Institute*. The first PCR laboratory in Northern Bulgaria, which is located at the Second Clinical Base of the Medical University - Plevn, is a high-tech laboratory built according to all established standards. It boasts not only the equipment necessary for real-time PCR testing for coronavirus, but also many additional specifications such as the specialized coating on the walls of the laboratory and the special

ventilation system, which cleans 100% of the incoming air through HEPA filters.

The laboratory staff is highly qualified. The four biologists working in it have extensive experience in PCR testing. The Head of the laboratory for PCR testing for coronavirus at MU - Plevn is Prof. Maria Sredkova, who is a world-renowned scientist in the field of microbiology.

"This laboratory is directly subordinated to the Ministry of Health and the National Coronavirus Taskforce. Therefore, we will 100% comply with all their recommendations. Theoretically, we can test anyone who wants to, but at this stage I would like to ask the citizens who would want to be tested to

take into account the fact that priority will be given to samples submitted by the RHI and hospitals and which are adherence to the needs and requirements of the National Coronavirus Taskforce", stressed the Rector of MU - Plevn, Prof. Dr. Slavcho Tomov.

"Considering the extent of investment, staffing and the possibly uncertain future, this laboratory is a very important moment in the development of the Medical University in Plevn, which will continue to function and develop. It is a virology laboratory and will not only study the coronavirus, but also other viruses after the pandemic has passed," said the Honorary Rector of MU - Plevn, Prof. Grigor Gorchev.

The Head of the team, Prof. Maria

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Sredkova emphasized the fact that on the basis of the forthcoming work in the laboratory it is possible to introduce the so-called "Gold standard for coronavirus diagnosis". This can be done by PCR detection of the genetic material of the virus, which is possible in the colloqually-called 'hidden period' in which no other method - neither antigen detection nor IGM antibody detection - can be successful. In some cases,



by day 28 or day 35, which is as long as it has been estimated that the virus can still be spread.

The presence of the Laboratory for Research of COVID-19 in the city of Pleven is of essential importance for dealing with the epidemic situation and overcoming the state of emergency in the country. The supply of consumable materials for performing PCR tests when starting the diagnostic process is expected shortly.

*Information: V. Dukova*

## **A SIMULATION OF A ROBOT-ASSISTED SURGICAL OPERATION WAS ORGANIZED FOR THE PURPOSE OF EDUCATING THE SPECIALISTS ON THE FRONTLINE OF THE COVID PANDEMIC RESPONSE**

During the worsening epidemic situation, related to the spread of COVID-19, UMHAT "St. Marina" - Pleven operates under strict sanitary conditions and in compliance with all anti-epidemic measures to prevent the spread of the coronavirus. The hospital performs only emergency operations on patients with cancer. With full knowledge of the fact that doctors and medical professionals are the most valuable assets in the fight to limit the spread of the virus, the hospital uses all its high-tech advantages in the treatment of patients - telesurgery and telemedicine. The team of Member of correspondence for the Academy of Science, Prof. Dr. Grigor Gorchev was included in a working group along with the American Association for Minimally Invasive Surgery in order to develop rules regarding the surgical treatment of emergency patients with COVID-19. The operations in such patients are radically different from the standard robotic surgery in terms of procedures - i.e. taking the surgeon's console out of the operating room; using special devices for aspiration and filtration of carbon dioxide from the patient's abdomen, etc.



At UMHAT "St. Marina" - Pleven several simulation trainings of robot-assisted operations were conducted for determining the proper procedures which health professionals should follow in the treatment of patients with symptoms or established coronavirus. The teams of doctors and nurses were trained in equipping special protective clothing as well as modes of operation in an environment with COVID-19.

Thanks to the three robot assistants, the doctors of UMHAT "St. Marina" - Pleven could conduct visits and consultations of the operated patients from a distance, without the need to physically visit them in the hospital. The concept of "transferred presence" from modern robotics and

telemedicine will help preserve the health of medical professionals, whose expertise is essential in order to deal with the complex epidemic situation.

Through the use of the Telecommunication Endoscopy Center at the Medical University - Pleven, the simulation trainings of robot-assisted operations, conducted to determine the proper procedures which health professionals should follow in the treatment of patients with symptoms or established coronavirus are recorded and can later be viewed during the online training of students. Visits with robot assistants are also broadcast live in the virtual classrooms, thus allowing for the conducting of clinical classes with students during distance learning in an emergency situations.

*Information: V. Dukova*

## MU-PLEVEN AND UMHAT "ST. MARINA" RECEIVED HUMANITARIAN AID FROM CHINA

Medical University - Pleven and University Hospital "St. Marina" - Pleven received humanitarian aid on 31.03.2020 from their Chinese partners in the fight against the new coronavirus. The management of the partner-hospital, the Second Affiliated Hospital of Chongqing Medical University in Chongqing, China sent 10,000 medical masks to MU - Pleven and UMHAT "St. Marina" - Pleven.

The message that the Chinese partners sent to their Bulgarian colleagues and friends, translated from Chinese into Bulgarian, read: "Friendships, like the shadows cast by the sun, appear on a sunny day," which is an old Chinese proverb.

At the beginning of February 2020, at the peak of the coronavirus epidemic in China, at the request of the Management of the Second Associated Hospital of Chongqing Medical University in Chongqing, MU - Pleven held a quick charity event for raising funds to purchase medical masks, which hospitals in China needed most urgently to combat the infection. 11,000 medical masks were sent by the Pleven University to the partner hospital in Chongqing, China in support of their efforts, tackling the epidemic.

The partners from China photographed the starting point of the delivery of the medical masks for Bulgaria, which lasted nearly 14 days.



*Information: V. Dukova*

## THE PRELIMINARY STUDENT CANDIDATE EXAMINATIONS TO BE HELD IN AN ONLINE FORM IN MAY



Medical University - Pleven canceled the holding of the preliminary entrance exams on site at the Rectorate building on March 22<sup>nd</sup> after the declared state of emergency on 13.03.2020. The complicated epidemic situation related to the spread of COVID-19 in the country further contributed to that decision. At an online meeting of the Academic Council, a decision was made to conduct online preliminary student candidate exams for the Bachelor's degrees in May.

Applicants can submit the necessary documents for taking the preliminary exams from April 27<sup>th</sup> to May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 through the university's website. The first online exam will be held on Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020, for candidates who had applied for the preliminary

exam on March 22<sup>nd</sup>, which was cancelled. They just have to confirm their registration online before the set deadline.

The second date for taking the online preliminary entrance exam for the Bachelor's degrees will be May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Saturday. The application fee for newly registered student candidates is BGN 60. Detailed instructions and rules for the conducting of online exams can be found on the website of MU - Pleven.

*Information: V. Dukova*

## MEDICAL UNIVERSITY - PLEVEN AND UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL "ST. MARINA" – PLEVEN JOINED THE WORLDWIDE ENDOMARCH CAMPAIGN



Medical University - Pleven and UMHAT "St. Marina" - Pleven joined the Worldwide EndoMarch campaign - a global event in support of patients with endometriosis, organized for the seventh consecutive year in more than 60 countries around the world. This year, however, due to the epidemic crisis, there will not be a march of students of the Medical University - Pleven in support of patients with endometriosis, or conducting preventive examinations by specialists in hypertension. Both the OG specialists and the students provided individual support from their workplace and from home, hoping to spread the

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message. Photos of students and doctors supporting the initiative were shared on social media. Bulgaria is participating for the first time as an official partner of the initiative to raise awareness of the disease, which affects 200 million women worldwide (roughly 1 in 10). The campaign is titled "One of 10. EndoMarch 2020". The initiative is conducted in partnership with the Endometriosis and Reproductive Health Foundation and is under the patronage of the Health Committee of the 44th National Assembly of Bulgaria.

Prof. Dr. Slavcho Tomov, Rector of the Medical University - Pleven, gynecologist and oncologist, joined the global campaign Worldwide EndoMarch 2020 in support of patients with endometriosis. From his workplace, because of the COVID-19 epidemic crisis, Prof.

Tomov called on everyone to be responsible and disciplined in the fight against the virus.

Konstantina Karakadieva, 5th year, majoring in Medicine, Chair of the Student Council, also joined the Worldwide EndoMarch 2020 global campaign in support of patients with endometriosis. She did so during her distance learning from home. In the context of the COVID-19 epidemic crisis, she called on everyone to be responsible and careful.

*Information: V. Dukova*

## ST. MARINA HOSPITAL - PLEVEN RECEIVED A DONATION OF BGN 36,000 FROM BORICA AD FOR THE PURCHASE OF A VENTILATOR

The University Hospital "St. Marina" in Pleven received a donation, amounting to BGN 36,000 from the bank card operator BORICA. With the donated amount, the hospital purchased a ventilator for its intensive care unit, manufactured by an well-known German company.

By order of the Minister of Healthcare, Kiril Ananiev from March 27, 2020, UMHAT "St. Marina" - Pleven was designated as one of the medical institutions in the country, which will treat and monitor patients with COVID-19. In a separate building of the hospital, a specially equipped ward was established, which has 28 beds for the treatment of patients with coronavirus. To date, the hospital has 4 respiratory devices, which are insufficient to serve the expected number of patients. "In the current dynamic environment of COVID-19 pandemic, it is crucial for us to possess the necessary equipment to be able to provide timely and life-saving care for our patients," said Prof. Dr. Grigor Gorchev, MD, Member of correspondence at BAS and Manager of the hospital. "We are extremely grateful to the management of BORICA AD for the helping hand and we believe that together we will get through this difficult ordeal," he added. BORICA's donation to St. Marina University Hospital comes just a week after the company announced its intention to actively participate in the fight against COVID-19 with help for children and donated BGN 35,000 to SBALAG Mother's Home, BGN 10,000 to the foundation "Our premature children" and 10,000 of SOS Children's Villages Bulgaria. "Our company has always strived to be involved in socially significant causes. We can now see how good examples multiply every day and this gives hope to our society as a whole", said Miroslav Vichev, CEO of BORICA. "In the future we will continue to help in difficult times and encourage our employees to participate in charity events," added Mr. Vichev.

University Hospital "St. Marina" - Pleven is a unique,



high-tech, "smart" hospital, combining in one place the latest cutting-edge technologies in medicine, telesurgery and telemedicine with a highly qualified team of doctors and health professionals to ensure high-quality treatment and care for all patients. Since 2017, St. Marina - Pleven has the status of a University Hospital, which makes it an attractive clinical base for training students, PhD students and graduates of Medical University - Pleven, as well as for the development of R&D initiatives.

BORICA AD is one of the underpinning elements of the technological infrastructure of the payment industry in Bulgaria and a leader among the service providers for the banking sector. The company's priority is to provide a modern card service and payment environment for financial institutions, for the benefit of their customers. The company has a long-established tradition in supporting non-governmental organizations and participating in initiatives related to providing better living conditions and education for the children of Bulgaria. Among the established partnerships of the company are SOS Children's Villages Bulgaria, 'Our Premature Children' Foundation and the Bulgarian Christmas Initiative.

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## MU-PLEVEN EXPRESSES ITS DEEP GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION OF ALL THE GIVERS, WHOSE CHERITABLE DONATIONS HELPED THE ACTIVITIES OF THE NEW VIROLOGY LABORATORY AT THE UNIVERSITY

The management of the Medical University - Pleven expresses its gratitude towards all the private donors, organizations, companies, citizens, teachers and employees who financially supported the university in this noble and useful for society and science endeavor - the opening of a virology laboratory for coronavirus research. The existence of the laboratory for COVID-19 research in the city of Pleven is of essential importance for controlling the epidemic situation and overcoming the state of emergency in the country. The Rector of MU-Pleven, Prof. Dr. Slavcho Tomov, read the names of the donors at the first online meeting of the Academic Council of MU - Pleven, firm in his belief that the names of the donors should be announced, because when it comes to charity, there are no large or small donations and any and every gesture of support and solidarity is important.

On April 7<sup>th</sup>, at the first online graduation ceremony, Prof. Dr. Slavcho Tomov addressed the academic community with the words: "Faced with the COVID-19 pandemic, our society has demonstrated its huge scientific potential - doctors, teachers, scientists, through their admirable actions, have become the heroes of our time. At our university, the crisis has also mobilized the efforts of both faculty and students - we have quickly switched to online learning, many of our students have volunteered to fight the epidemic, and last but not least - we have built, equipped and launched the new virology laboratory for coronavirus testing."

The newly opened laboratory at the Research Institute of the Medical University - Pleven, based in the Second Clinical Base, started its activity on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020. MU - Pleven is deeply thankful to all those who donated funds in support of the highly specialized teams of scientists working at the laboratory and the purchase of consumables and retrofitting the building. Our gratitude goes out to:



1. Krassimir Karakachanov - Deputy Prime Minister of Public Order and Security and Minister of Defense of the Republic of Bulgaria

2. Dr. Kalin Popovski - MP in the 44th National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria

3. Petya Vasileva

4. Stanislav Lyubomirov Raikov, Fifth Degree Ltd. Sofia - represented by Stanislav Raykov TSS Bulgaria Ltd. - represented by Stanislav Raykov

5. Prof. Grigor Gorchev, Member of Correspondence at BAS, representing University Hospital "St. Marina" - Pleven

6. Prof. Dr. Tony Vekov

7. Prof. Dr. Slavcho Tomov

8. Tsvetan Krastev - SIDI 92 EOOD Pleven

9. Daniela Katsarska - Daris MS EOOD Sofia

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22. Prof. Dr. Asparuh Asparuhov

23. Prof. Angelina Stoyanova

24. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Zdravka Radionova

25. Prof. Dr. Tashko Deliiski

26. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Dobromir Dimitrov

27. Ibrahim Poturliiev

28. Oleg Karadzhov

29. Anelia Lukanova

30. Atanaska Naumova Bozhinova



## UMHAT ST. MARINA - PLEVEN EXPRESSES ITS DEEPEST GRATITUDE TOWARDS ALL ITS CHARITABLE PATRONS

University Hospital "St. Marina" - Pleven opened a donation account to raise funds for the fight against COVID-19. In the short time since its opening, many individuals, patients of the hospital and companies have made donations for consumables and equipment, much needed to deal with the difficult and complicated epidemic situation in the country.

The management of St. Marina Hospital - Pleven and Prof. Dr. Grigor Gorchev, MD, Member of Correspondence at BAS both expressed their gratitude for the donations made by:

- The President of the Constitutional Court - Mr. Boris Velchev and all constitutional judges
- Judges of the Supreme Administrative Court and other administrative judges
- Energy Market AD
- Borika AD
- The MRF MP - Mr. Dimitar Avramov
- The District Governor of Pleven District - Mr. Miroslav Petrov
- The Deputy Governor of the BNB - Mr. Kalin Hristov

We are grateful to the many citizens, patients and employees of the Hospital, whose donations mean a lot to us.

Special thanks to the former GERB MP - Mr. Ivelin Nikolov both for the donation he made and for his huge contribution to the organization of the donation campaign.

We thank all those who donated funds in the name of protection and care for the life and health of doctors and patients of the University Hospital "St. Marina" - Pleven!

*Information: V. Dukova*



### UMHAT DR. GEORGI STRANSKI - PLEVEN RECEIVED A DONATION BY ROTARY CLUB - PLEVEN

On April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020, UMHAT "Dr. Georgi Stranski" - Pleven received a donation of 5,000 pairs of gloves provided by the *B*Cause Foundation and its "For Better Days" campaign. The Rotary Club - Pleven also joined the initiative, donating 120 PPE helmets. The donation was presented today by the President of the Rotary Club - Pleven, Krassimir Bratanov. The possibilities for subsequent donations from the Rotarians - Pleven were also discussed with representatives of the health institution, depending on the needs of the teams that are at the forefront in the fight against the coronavirus.

### UMHAT "DR. G. STRANSKI" - PLEVEN RECEIVED A DONATION OF 200 PPE HELMET SCREENS



On April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020, on behalf of the Aviation and Space Forum (ACF), which supports the "Protective Helmet for Every Doctor" campaign, a donation was made to the University Hospital "Dr. G. Stranski" - Pleven. The famous couple, Veselin Plachkov and Mariana Popova presented 200 specially designed helmets to serve needs of the medical staff at the hospital in its fight against COVID-19. The donation was handed over to the Executive Director of the hospital, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tsvetan Lukanov, MD, and the Head Nurse, Ivayla Petkova, who on behalf of the University Hospital in Pleven

expressed their gratitude to ACF.

The Aviation and Space Forum is a non-profit organization for public benefit, established by professors and doctoral students at the Faculty of Physics at Sofia University. Some of its members are professors from different universities and members of BAS, engineers as well as students and pupils. The main goal of the organization is to promote science and scientific and technical research and activities.

"In these difficult times, hospitals must have enough personal protective equipment. Therefore we have developed a helmet that is light and comfortable to work with. It does not hurt the skin of the face and absorbs the sweat on the forehead of doctors and nurses who use it. The design is easy to produce as well as viable to be made in large quantities," said the representatives of AFP, who are the founders of "Photonica", the first Bulgarian flight stimulator.





## DOCTORS FROM PLEVEN TOOK PART IN AN CREDO WEB CHARITY AUCTION AS PART OF THE FOR BETTER DAYS (#ЗаДоброто) CAMPAIGN

From March 30 to April 1<sup>st</sup> in the Facebook group *For Better Days against COVID-19*, a charity auction was held. Doctors from Pleven also participated with donations in the charity auction *For Better Days against COVID-19* in Bulgaria. Assoc. Prof. Dobromir Dimitrov, surgeon, and his wife - Dr. Slavina Mihaylova, general practitioner, participated with two oil paintings - "Staro Stefanovo, Lovech" and "Old House". Dr. Violeta Rilcheva donated the collection of poems "Salvation" from the great Bulgarian poet Konstantin Pavlov with illustrations by the world-famous artist Svetlin Rusev.

"The items donated in the auction are from doctors to doctors and they are not just items, but have an extremely high sentimental value for their owners. They come from a place of love and kindness while some of them are actually family relics. It is an honor for us to have people capable of such kindness as part of our campaign", commented the organizers from CredoWeb.bg and the *For Better Days against COVID-19* project.



## THE ARTIST STRAHIL NAYDENOV DONATED HIS WORKS FOR A CHARITY AUCTION IN SUPPORT OF THE MEDICAL SPECIALISTS AT UMHAT "DR. GEORGI STRANSKI" - PLEVEN

The artist Strahil Naidenov took part in a charity auction in support of the medics at the University Hospital "Dr. G. Stranski" - Pleven. With the acquired funds, the initiative aims to help the teams that are at the forefront in the fight against the coronavirus. The donation campaign was organized by the Ladies Lions Club "Mirror".

"With great joy we would like to share the name of our next charitable donor, the next person with a big heart, the next Strahil Naidenov! Nowadays, when our criteria for good and bad are put to the test, an artist reminded us that art and humanity are eternal!" commented representatives of the organization.



Strahil Naidenov was born on September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1973 in Pleven. He works in the field of mosaic, 3D mosaic and sculptural mosaic as a direct technique. He is famous for experimenting with base types, type and structure of materials used, size and arrangement of tesserae. In his work he uses natural stones, minerals and ceramics. He is a member of the Union of Bulgarian Artists, the International Association of Plastic Arts AEA / UNESCO / , the Society of Pleven Artists. He has over 20 solo exhibitions and over 50 participations in joint exhibitions in the country and abroad.



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