

Model for future medicine

Republican Scientific and Practical Centre for Neurology and Neurosurgery at cutting edge of medicine

By Vasily Kharitonov

However much we learn about the human brain, it remains a mystery in many ways, as doctors admit. The President's recent visit to the Centre for Neurology and Neurosurgery, which has received funding of late for modernisation, highlights the important role of the facility in treating patients. Naturally, good medical provision is at the heart of buoyant demographics, with 21st century equipment helping us treat illnesses previously fatal.

Neurosurgery expert Arnold Smeyanovich stresses that professionalism, intuition, and luck are now supplemented by amazing technology. Blind touch has been replaced by images at great magnification. Monitors are able to show which areas of the brain require attention and, in fact, each person's motor, verbal and visual centres are uniquely arranged, making the removal of tumours a great challenge.

It was previously unthinkable to conduct brain surgery without opening the skull but small probes can now enter through the thigh, giving a clear, three-dimensional image accurate not just to the millimetre but to microns.

The President listened keenly



Alexander Lukashenko during his visit to the Republican Scientific and Practical Centre for Neurology and Neurosurgery

to the progress made at the Centre, watching a tumour removal operation through the window of an airtight door. Surgery is recorded via a powerful microscope, allowing films to be used for training purposes. The President is eager to see more young specialists trained in this sphere and, of course, for Belarusian facilities to remain at the cutting edge of technology. He emphasises that proper training for professionals is

essential to ensure that machinery is operated effectively and stresses that state support for similar centres will continue. "We've invested huge sums countrywide at such centres. Nearly 150,000 people from 70 countries have been treated in Belarus, which speaks for itself. We need to keep moving forward, building on our existing expertise and facilities, to promote science. We'll be training specialists, to create a professional,

efficient, powerful, high-tech school, staffed by experts." The President would like to see every professional employee train at least three more professionals to their own level, in the sphere of medicine and other scientific areas.

Regarding salaries for those in healthcare and education, the President sees considerable potential for raising wages, with those engaged in the most skilled tasks rewarded ac-

ordingly. He is hopeful that medical services can be used to generate export revenue without Belarusian citizens suffering. Since neurosurgeons are in demand worldwide, it is a sphere worth developing to maximum capacity. New operating rooms could be built to raise capacity and revenue, with funds generated becoming a financial incentive for physicians. The model can be applied to all spheres of medicine.

International forum to mark the Constitutional Court's anniversary

During the working meeting with the President of Belarus, Alexander Lukashenko, the Chairman of the Constitutional Court, Piotr Miklashevich, assured him that the Constitutional Court of Belarus is improving the efficiency of the law in various fields

It was noted at the meeting that

constitutional control over rulemaking should be enhanced in order to improve the efficiency of law impact in various fields. In the near future, Parliament is to adopt a draft law on constitutional proceedings submitted by the President which aims to improve this efficiency. The Constitutional Court of Belarus is holding an inter-

national forum involving colleagues from Europe and former Soviet Union countries. Its 20th anniversary is being celebrated in 2014. The Belarusian Constitutional Court's activities are to be presented, showing how it protects the constitutional rights and freedom of citizens. Those taking part will also exchange experience.

TV channel boasts new face

Belarus 24 TV Channel takes part in major international exhibition of television and telecommunications — CSTB '2013

By Eduard Pimenov

Belarus 24 TV Channel was launched on January 1st, 2013, replacing the Belarus-TV satellite channel. "This is the first international forum in which the new TV channel has taken part," notes the Chairman of the Belarusian State TV and Radio Company, Gennady Davydko. "We want our TV channel to gain more exposure abroad. Like any commodity, television needs promotion, so we plan to hold a major presentation in Moscow very soon."

Belarus 24 recently received a li-



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cense to broadcast in Russia. "It's vital to be able to tell audiences about Belarusian domestic policy and about our country in general, including the life of ordinary Belarusians," stresses

Mr. Davydko. "We have the chance to broadcast not only via satellite but via Russian cable, reaching a wide Russian audience."

The Director of Belarus 24 TV Channel, Yelena Ladutko, notes that the company's participation in the Moscow exhibition was aimed at finding new partners in Russia and the CIS. Already, it has signed over 200 partnership agreements with other broadcasters, allowing it to reach audiences all over Russia by autumn. At present, Belarus 24 is only viewed in the west of the country.

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