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**Chronicle of the first month of the war in Ukraine
through the eyes of Ukrainian pharmacist –
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In 2022, the AUPC became the initiator and organizer of the First Social Pharmaceutical Forum in Ukraine "Pharmacy is a healthcare facility, but not just a place to sell medicines." The Forum was scheduled for February 24, 2022 at 10:00 on the basis of Ternopil National Medical University named after IM Gorbachevsky. The main emphasis of the forum was going to be the role of the pharmacist in the health care system, as an integral part of the medical team, which stands for the protection of patients' health.

But the realization of our dreams was not destined to happen - exactly at 5:00 on February 24, 2022 - the first bombing of Kyiv and Boryspil began.

We, all participants who had to take part in the Forum in the status of Speakers, witnessed for the first time in their lives the first wave of mass panic, which was observed throughout the road from Ternopil to Kiev, where we all returned, something similar I saw in many Hollywood cinema pictures. And here are the realities, human grief and incredible fear in the eyes of mothers who embraced frightened children, holding their favorite cats and dogs with their arms.

At this time you feel only one thing. Isn't it just a nightmare where you can not influence the events in the vortex of which you have trapped like a grain of sand?

I will remember for a lifetime, while traveling on the bypass road of Vasylkiv (near Kyiv), Russian planes began bombing and shelling the airfield - everything was shaking, an incredible supernatural shock, flames of black smoke and stench. At that moment, we all said goodbye to our relatives... Thanks God everyone in the car remained alive and unharmed.

We, Ukrainians, are extremely impressed and thank you very much for the immediate support of the world pharmaceutical community, which came to our address from the first hours of the Russian aggression against sovereign Ukraine, namely:

24.02.2022 p. -14-40 PM

Letter of support from a close friend of Ukrainian pharmacists Mrs. Eeva Terasalmi, MS in Pharm, MBA, FIP.

25.02.2022 - 12-30 AM

Letter of support from Mr. Dominique Jordan, FIP President, Dr. Catherine Duggan, PhD FRPharmS, FIP Chief Executive Officer.

25.02.2022 16-21 PM

Letter of support from Chairman of the Supreme Pharmaceutical Council Mrs. Elzbieta Piotrowka-Rutkowska, Director of Polish Pharmaceutical Chamber office.

27.02.2022 12-19 AM

Letter of support from PGEU Secretary General Mrs. Ilaria Passarani, PhD

02.03.2022 13-35

Letter of support from Daragh Connolly

02.03.2022 13-52

Letter of support from Pharmacy magazine in the UK COGORA - Mrs. Isabel Shaw

02.03.2022 17-03 PM

Letter of support from Pharmazeutische Zeitung Avoxa –Mediengruppe Deutscher Apotheker GmbH.

03.03.2022 15-05 PM

Letter of support from Irish Pharmacy Union –Mr. Dermot Twomey

In your letters, the following most relevant issues are raised: how Ukrainian pharmacists work during Russia's military aggression, how to help, suggestions for employment of Ukrainian pharmacists in your countries, housing for pharmacists and their families during the war, lack of public access to information related to the identification of targeted humanitarian aid from a specific donor to a specific recipient, the initiation of the suspension of participation of pharmaceutical associations of the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus in global international pharmaceutical organizations.

For a pharmacist who is accustomed to fulfilling his professional duty by providing pharmaceutical services to the population in peacetime, what is happening in Ukraine is a horror that is difficult to describe in words for a person who has dedicated his life to serving his favorite profession. I will try to do this just for you - all our colleagues – so pharmacists of the world had an idea of the threat to civilization posed by the "Russian peace" in the 21st century.

- To get to the pharmacy workplace, many of our colleagues have to risk their lives during the shelling and bombing of pharmacies, working and living in pharmacies for weeks, so it is not possible to return home safely.

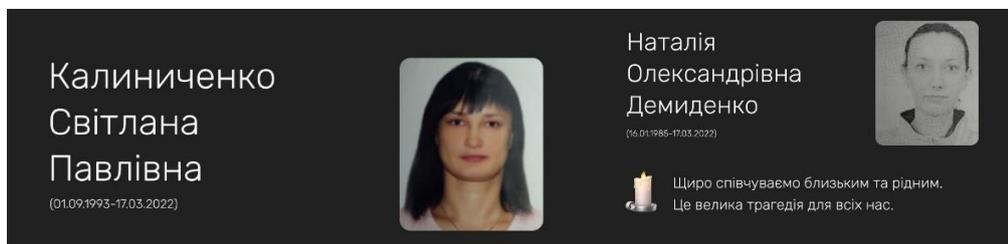
- The established uninterrupted model of drug delivery to pharmacies in peacetime was instantly destroyed, there was an incredible shortage of drugs, from the simplest to vital drugs.

- A huge number of pharmacies were closed, both due to lack of staff and the banal closure of pharmacies by their owners.

- The Ministry of Health of Ukraine urgently decided to withdraw drugs from closed without good reason pharmacies and transfer them for the needs of the army and territorial defense - this decision managed to save the lives of many citizens.

At this difficult time for all Ukrainians, where pharmacists are an integral part of society and suffer all the hardships and challenges of survival without exceptions, pharmaceutical devotion shows the whole society that the pharmacist is one of the most humane professions in the world, whose main mission is to serve the interests of patient health.

- How can you describe without tears in your eyes, the fate of two pharmacy employees, who died from the shells right in the pharmacy in the village of Kozacha Lopan, Kharkiv region. How can you answer their children for when their mommies will return?



- How to alleviate emotional pain by looking at a photo of a distorted face of a pharmacist who received such wounds due to the attack on her pharmacy by a Russian soldier who came to Ukraine with a "liberation mission" - the only question is - from whom to liberate?

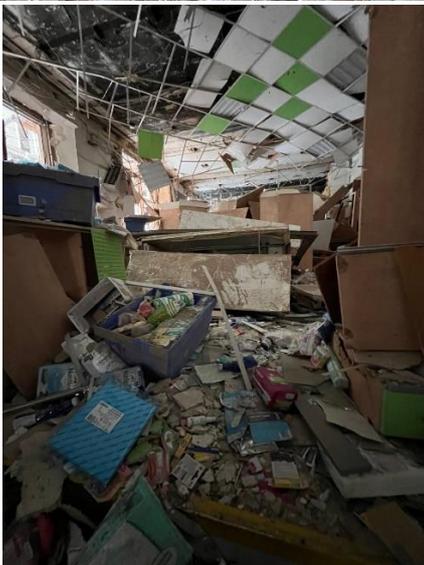
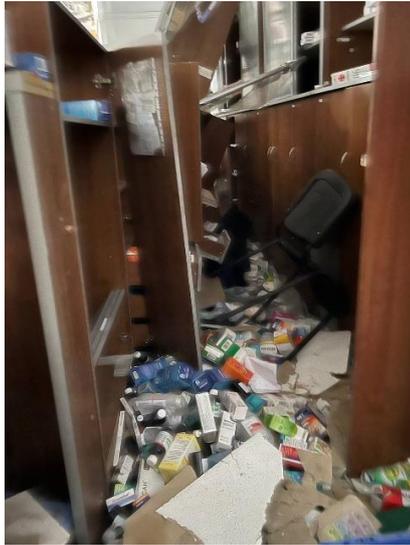
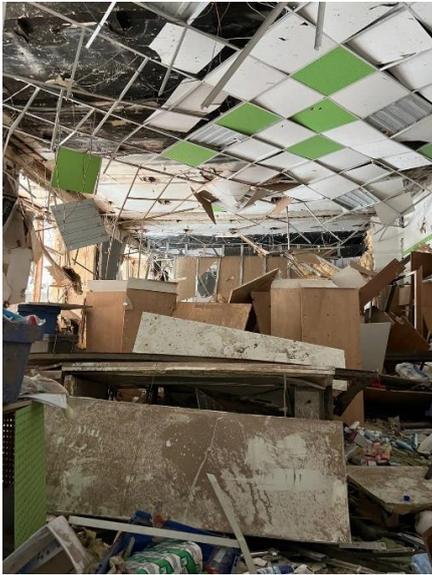


While seeing the photos of the utter destruction of health care facilities - pharmacies, the question arises for all Russians - what are you doing, the people of the Middle Ages? Why do you torment the civilian population, why do you rape Ukrainian women, why do you kill our children and the elderly, why your loved ones order you to take away jewelry, underwear, valuables, clothes when you enter the settlement of Ukrainians.... Russia's brutal politics is not only Putin's fault - it is the essence of the soul of the vast majority of Russia's population. This is what happened - Ukraine and the entire Ukrainian people, shedding their blood now, fights for freedom not only for themselves, but also for the entire civilized world, which is threatened by the model of the "Middle Ages of the Russian world."

FIP is calling to celebrate World Pharmacists Day in 2022 with the slogan "Pharmacy united in action for a healthier world". But as the practice shows, not all pharmacists are uniting their action for a healthier world. Just google the recent photos from Bucha, Ukraine. Naked corpses of raped women. Tortured to the death civilians. The town was captured for a month by Russians. Where were the Russian pharmacists when their troops were doing these with captives? Why didn't they provide any help to the innocents in seized towns? Why has nobody prevented and stopped this? Can this still occur in the 21st century? Are there any pharmacists in Russia?

The Russian representative Yulia Ladutko holds the post in the FIP AIM advisory committee. She is the dean in St Peterburg Chemical and Pharmaceutical University. The university, that officially (see <https://www.rsr-online.ru/news/2022-god/obrashchenie-rossiyskogo-soyuza-rektorov1/> - Наркевич is the rector of this university) supported this military aggression. They signed that the mission of this University is to serve the Russian Federation. Not to serve people. Nor to serve for a healthier world. They are just another kind of armour for this terrorist state.

The country, whose university officially supports the barbaric actions of its own state in relation to sovereign Ukraine, cannot remain the member of the world's most important pharmaceutical organization – the FIP. This membership is purely unacceptable. It violates all norms of the civilized world.



We are deeply convinced that only the joint unification of all citizens of the world into a single anti-Russian coalition will be the key to building future security in the world.

NGO "All-Ukrainian Pharmaceutical Chamber" with the full support of the FIP and PGEU launched the largest in this century professional pharmaceutical charity movement to provide humanitarian assistance to Ukraine with medicines and medical devices. This is primarily the merit of all professional pharmaceutical public associations, which have created an uninterrupted flow of necessary medicines to Ukraine by widely informing the population of their countries. On behalf of Ukrainians, we express our gratitude to you and a low bow to you for your complimentary aid. May the Lord bless you and keep you and your families in peace.

As practice shows, the support and identification of the sender (donor) and recipient of humanitarian aid is the weak element in this extremely important logistics chain. It is not uncommon for drugs to be supplied in semi-used blisters, or with an expiration date close to being already expired.

In order to bring to a proper service the selection of necessary medicines and medical devices, which are formed for humanitarian aims, in order to rationally use the funds of sponsors, donors and ordinary citizens and to identify specific and targeted recipients of humanitarian aid, NGO "All-Ukrainian Pharmaceutical Chamber" registered the charity named "All-Ukrainian Pharmaceutical Chamber - United European family". It is registered in accordance with European legislation in the Czech Republic. The details are given below:

Beneficiary: Endowment Fund All Ukrainian Pharmaceutical Chamber - United European Family

Beneficiary's address: Lublaňská 653/51, Vinohrady, 120 00 Prague 2

Bank: Česká spořitelna, a.s.

Bank address: Olbrachtova 1929/62, 140 00 Prague 4, Czech Republic

SWIFT: GIBACZPX

IBAN (CZK): CZ72 0800 0000 0061 8648 4329

IBAN (EUR): CZ79 0800 0000 0020 9709 3213

IBAN (USD): CZ03 0800 0000 0020 9709 2253

We ask you to send your charitable donations according to the specified bank details, indicating the purpose of payment: charitable donation. The charity guarantees you a written report on the intended use of the donations you have sent.

The AUPC informs you, dear colleagues, that all letters with support and proposals sent by you are timely translated into Ukrainian and distributed by currently available messengers.

We, members of the AUPC, also appeal to the FIP and the PGEU to support our initiatives to suspend (at least temporarily) all cooperation with professional pharmaceutical organizations of the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus during the military aggression of these states against sovereign Ukraine. Our position is based on the following: Crimes against Ukrainians are committed by a Russian citizen, killing and rapes of Ukrainians are committed by a Russian citizen, destruction the civilians residence in Ukraine are committed by a Russian citizen, robberies of the

Ukrainian homes - are committed by a Russian citizen, thus the responsibility for crimes against humanity should be borne not only by the Russian political leadership, but Russian citizens as well.

We, members of the AUPC, ask you, honourable members of the FIP and PGEU, to support us, the Ukrainian pharmacists, to create the strong anti-Russian coalition against Russian troops and its satellite, the Republic of Belarus, and to foster preconditions for peace in Ukraine.

Many thanks for the invaluable support and aid,

Chairman of the Board of the

All-Ukrainian Pharmaceutical Chamber

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Oleg Klimov', written over a faint circular stamp.

Oleg Klimov