

**Prof. Dr. Vihren Bachev**

With profound admiration, sincere respect and honor, we devote these written thoughts to the sacred memory of our teacher, colleague and friend, Professor Aleksandar Naumovski, Doctor of Sciences.

## **THE SMILE OF TSANE**

The world we live in is a beautiful and mysterious phenomenon that is difficult to explain. And every man discovers and rediscovered the world in his own way, as much as he knows and as much as he can. His achievements are a gift for everyone, and this makes us richer, wiser and happier. Therefore, dear professor, we would like to thank you: all of us who have had the privilege of communicating with you, knowing you, and all of us who are getting richer from the deeds that you created.

A year has barely passed since our earthly separation. As time goes by, your overall opus, accomplished relentlessly by your ingenious spirit, is becoming more and more significant. The latter is at the same time immense, concrete, very specific and clear:

- the development of the Faculty of Physical Education and Sport of the SS. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje and the Association of Sport Pedagogues of Macedonia;

- the two scientific journals that keep uniting sport specialists from Macedonia, the Balkans and the world and their scientific achievements for decades;

- the annual forums of those specialists in Veles and Ohrid;

- a countless number of papers, publications, studies, projects, affiliated with the name of Prof. Dr. Aleksandar Naumovski;

- and many more.... These notable and impressive achievements were getting highest recognition and estimations from scientists, colleagues and people that had the privilege to work with you, to talk to you, or simply to meet you.

The above facts were confirmed by many words, salutations and acknowledgments. Some of those might be forgotten willingly or unwillingly, but there are also everlasting facts of recognition.

One of these acknowledgments is your academic title "HONORARY PROFESSOR" of the National Sport Academy "Vasil Levski" in Sofia, Bulgaria, awarded for your merits, which has placed you side by side with personalities such as Simeon Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, Juan Antonio Samaranch, professor Bruno Grandi, Jacques Rogge, Thomas Bach, professor Primo Nebiolo, Franz Beckenbauer, Sergey Bubka, professor Vladimir Platonov, Ruben Acosta, Dr. Adolf Ogi, Morinari Watanabe. The extraordinary in this case, distinguished professor and dear friend, is that except for the Bulgarian nominations, you are the only one from the Balkan region and the world, who is awarded with this high recognition!!!

All the words indicated above would not be sufficient, if we wouldn't include the songs in the boundless wealth that you provide us with, since these songs were a companion to each of our countless gatherings. Coming from the heart of the living history, they were aimed at our earth and our soul, to be remembered, to be carried inside us, so that when we hear them again, we will meet your smile as well-the unforgettable sincere smile of Tsane, our dear and forever beloved Professor Dr. Aleksandar Naumovski!

Let us honor his memory!