28 January 2024 marked the 70th anniversary of the birth and 45 years of medical practice of Ihor Yuliyovych Poliansky, a renowned scientist, surgeon, teacher, Doctor of Medicine, Professor, Honoured Doctor of Ukraine, Chairman of the Chernivtsi Oblast Surgeons Association, Head of the Department of Surgery No. 1 of Bukovinian State Medical University.

Ihor Yuliyovych was born in the village of Hankovytsia, Svalyava district, Zakarpattia region, into a family of teachers. After completing 8 years of school, he entered the paramedic department of Khust Medical School, graduating with honours in 1972. In the same year, he entered the medical faculty of the Chernivtsi Medical Institute and graduated with honours in 1978. For a year, he studied at the internship in surgery at Storozhynets District Hospital. Upon completion of his specialisation, he worked as a thoracic surgeon at the Chernivtsi Regional Tuberculosis Dispensary and as a lecturer in surgery at the Chernivtsi Medical School.

In 1981, I. Yu. Polianskyi was enrolled as an assistant at the Department of Operative Surgery and Topographic Anatomy of the Chernivtsi Medical Institute, where he completed his PhD thesis "Development and Formation of Thoracic Duct Topography in the Early Stages of Human Ontogeny" under the supervision of Professor Volodymyr Mykolaiovych Krutsik, which he defended in 1985. Since 1985, he has worked as an assistant at the Department of Pathological Anatomy at the same institute.

In 1987, I. Yu. Polianskyi moved to the Department of Faculty Surgery of the Chernivtsi Medical Institute, headed by the Honoured Worker of Science and Technology of Ukraine, outstanding scientist, Professor Borys Milkov, who was Ihor Yuliyovych Polianskyi's teacher and mentor. Since then, Ihor Polianskyi's scientific and practical activities have been invariably associated with this department, where his potential as a surgeon, scientist, and teacher was fully revealed. Here, I. Yu. Polianskyi rose from assistant to head of
Igor Yuliyovych is a brilliant surgeon, he performs abdominal, thoracic, proctological and gynaecological interventions. He is a pioneer and founder of minimally invasive surgery in Bukovyna, where he was the first to perform laparoscopic surgery on the gallbladder, oesophagus, pelvic organs, intestines, liver, and lungs. He is the head of the Centre for Minimally Invasive Surgery and Gynaecology at Bukovinian State Medical University. The innovative methods of surgical interventions for peritonitis developed by I. Yu. Polianskyi and his students have been implemented in practice far beyond the borders of Bukovyna.

Ihor Yuliyovych is a member of the attestation medical commission in surgery, a freelance specialist in minimally invasive surgery at the Healthcare Department of the Chernivtsi Regional State Administration, an expert of the clinical expert commission of the Healthcare Department of the Chernivtsi Regional State Administration in surgical care.

Under the editorship of I. Yu. Polianskyi, the staff of the Department has published educational and methodological manuals, introduced the latest, including distance learning, technologies for teaching and controlling the knowledge of students, interns, and surgeons. I. Yu. Polianskyi is a co-author of the first educational CD "Faculty Surgery" and the textbook of the same name in Ukraine. I. Yu. Polianskyi's lectures and clinical rounds are characterised by their depth, modern scientific level, academicism, and high culture. They are eagerly attended not only by students and interns, but also by experienced doctors.

I. Yu. Polianskyi is the founder and chairman of the Chernivtsi Oblast Chapter of the Association of Surgeons. He was elected a member of the Board of the Association of Surgeons of Ukraine, a member of the Board of the Association of Endocrine Surgeons of Ukraine, a member of the Board of the World Federation of Ukrainian Medical Societies, a member of the American Association of Laparoscopic Surgeons, and an honorary member of the Association of Surgeons of the Republic of Moldova.

I. Yu. Polianskyi celebrates his venerable anniversary full of energy, new creative ideas, and aiming for new achievements.