

Report of the Conference

My participation in the *Symposium Mammographicum* (July 8-10, the Arena and Convention Centre, Liverpool, UK) became possible through the great support provided by Charity's Trustees. In fact, this was the first event of such level for a Belarus professional and has significantly impacted my vision and understanding of the work for the Belarus National Breast Screening Programme (a part of the BELMED project funded by the European Union and the UN specialized agencies, among them are World Health Organization (WHO) and International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC)).

Within the framework of *Symposium Mammographicum*, I got the unique opportunity to get familiar with the reports of leading UK as well as world experts in the diagnosis of breast cancer (including the early diagnostics), to participate in several workshops organized by manufacturers of equipment and supplies required for the diagnosis of breast diseases, to improve my professional skills in reading mammograms, including those obtained with tomosynthesis and contrast-enhanced mammography, to communicate with colleagues from the screening centers of Public Health England (PHE) to be able to adopt the best from their experience, as in Belarus the breast screening programme was launched very recently.

Participation in the *Symposium Mammographicum* has helped to establish international cooperation with specialists from the NHSBSP National Training Centre. As a result, the first UK-training for radiographers in Belarus is in preparation.

I have started to apply the acquired knowledge and skills to my day-to-day work in the screening and diagnostic mammography, share them with my colleagues (both radiologists and radiographers). This became possible as much attention at the symposium was paid to quality control of mammography and invasive breast procedures. Obtained knowledge have also helped me in preparation of my report to the Belarus Congress on Radiology (October 2018, Minsk) as well as in writing the manuscript, together with collaborators from the WHO, IARC and PHE, on breast cancer screening programmes in Belarus and England.

In the context of the Belarus National Breast Screening Programme, my colleagues and I are constantly working on developing the shortest and safest pathway for the Programme. In this respect, all information learned at the time of the *Symposium Mammographicum* greatly facilitates this work. My great thanks to the organizers of such scientific and clinical event as well as to the funders.

Yours faithfully,

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