



## **CELEBRATING THE 90<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF PROFESSOR COLIN GREEN**



On March 2, 2025, Prof. Colin James Green celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Colin Green was born in Portsmouth in 1935 in a Royal Navy family tradition. After graduating from the Royal Naval College in Dorsmouth in 1948, he served in the Fleet Air Arm in the Mediterranean, but resigned in 1956. In 1958, Colin entered the University of London and began studying veterinary medicine. After graduation, from 1963 to 1969, he worked in agriculture. In 1969, Colin Green joined the Medical Research Council (MRC) and, together with colleagues, contributed to the development of novel microsurgical techniques at the MRC National Institute for Medical Research in Mill Hill, and in 1972 moved to the newly established

MRC Clinical Research Centre at Northwick Park. Since 1969, Colin J. Green has been working on transplantation immunology and hypothermic storage of organs for transplantation and in 1975 he defended his PhD thesis in surgery at the Faculty of Medicine, University of London. Colin Green was one of the pioneers of development of cyclosporine A, a revolutionary new drug to prevent rejection of transplanted organs. In 1991, Professor Colin Green was awarded a DSc (Medicine) degree in the Faculty of Medicine, University of London and Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons of England (Hon) and Fellowship of the Royal College of Pathologists.

From 1991 to 1999, Colin J. Green was Director of the Blond McIndoe Centre for Surgical Research, East Grinstead (UK). In 1994, he founded the Northwick Park Institute for Medical Research (NPIMR), which he headed until 2008. In 2000, Prof. Green became the founder-director of a charitable organization registered as the International Medical Education Trust 2000 (IMET 2000), which is currently involved in educational and humanitarian projects in Ukraine, Palestine, Tibet and Africa.

Prof. Colin Green began his collaboration with the Institute for Problems of Cryobiology and Cryomedicine of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine (IPC&C of the NAS of Ukraine) in 1983, when he organized the conference of the Society for Low Temperature Biology in Kharkiv. In 1988 and 1992, with his direct participation and under the UNESCO aegis, two major international conferences on cryobiology and cryomedicine were held at the IPC&C of the NAS of Ukraine. In 1989, Colin Green was invited to join the Editorial Board of Kriobio-

logia Journal (now Problems of Cryobiology and Cryomedicine), where he is still an active member.

In 1998, Prof. Colin J. Green was elected as a foreign member of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine. In the same year, at the IPC&C of the NAS of Ukraine, the UNESCO Chair in Cryobiology was founded, and Prof. Green became the first Co-holder of the Chair together with Valentyn I. Gryschenko, Academician of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine. To date, Colin Green is Emeritus Professor of the Chair.

On February 19, 2025, Prof. Colin Green received the Award of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine “For Promoting the Development of Science” from the Presidium of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine.

The Institute’s staff, the UNESCO Chair in Cryobiology and the Editorial Board of the Journal Problems of Cryobiology and Cryomedicine extend heartfelt congratulations to our dear friend Colin Green on his glorious anniversary, and wish him continued good health and ongoing creative success. May you always be surrounded by loving friends, esteemed colleagues and grateful students.