

Avicenna: bridging the times, bridging the cultures

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The Ukrainian Association of the Club of Rome was involved in the presentation of the book dedicated to analysis of Avicenna's heritage and his contribution to philosophy, science, medicine. The event took place on March 18 in Kyiv, Ukraine in the National Medical Library. The book "Creative Heritage of Ibn Seena and Our Days" (Kyiv, 2009. – 375 p.) presented the joint project of the group of researchers from the National Medical University after Alexander Bohomolets of the Ministry of Health Care of Ukraine, National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, and the Academy of Medical Sciences and Higher Education of Ukraine, as well as specialists from the Islamic Republic of Iran. The project was aimed at analysis of both scientific and humanistic potential of Avicenna's heritage. Moreover, philosophical and scientific analysis of the great philosopher and physician is supplemented by his poetries. The publication was supported by the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

On behalf of the Ukrainian Association of the Club of Rome, Dr. Tetiana V. Gardashuk emphasized that cultural dialogue in the light of rethinking of the common heritage of the humankind is one of the powerful tools for solving contradictions of the epoch of globalization. It is important, that Avicenna (980 – 1037) is considered not only as a prominent scholar in philosophy, theology, geometry, and medicine of the past. His thoughts and writings belong to our days and to the future. Rethinking Avicenna's heritage is important for bridging times and cultures. Avicenna's teaching may serve holistic understanding of the nature of human beings, which is crucial not only for modern anthropology, medicine, and social sciences, but also in for searching the ways of harmonization of internal and external, e.g. environmental, factors of human existence and development. The

monograph presents enormous interests for contemporary readers. It will be of use of wide circles of scientists, educators, and students.

This project is a significant step in development of the cultural dialogue and further development of scientific, cultural and educational cooperation in contemporary globalizes world.

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