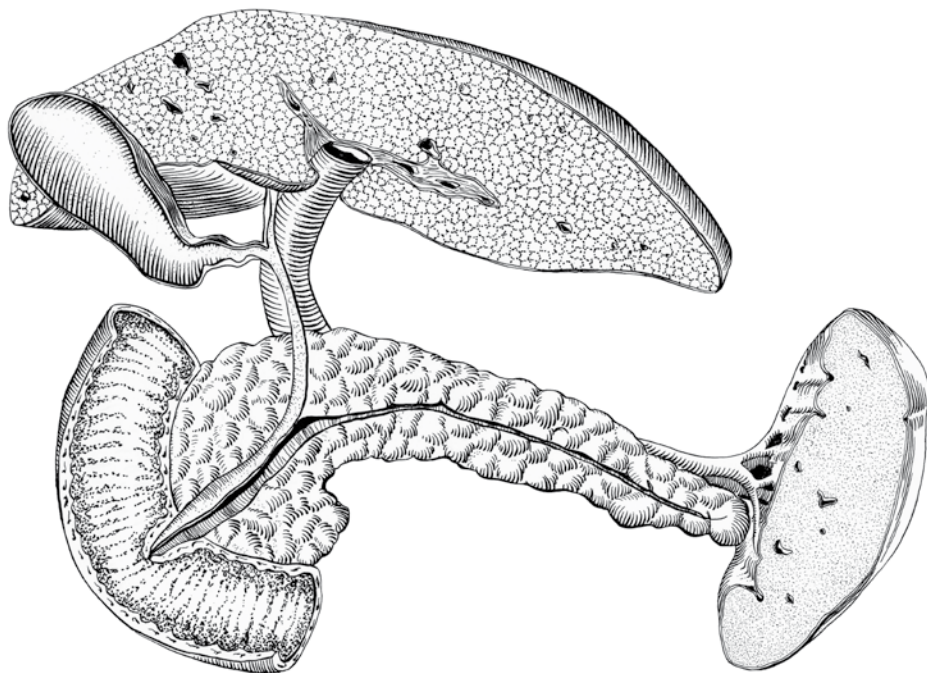




ANNIVERSARY SURGICAL CONFERENCE – 10 YEARS HPB  
AND TRANSPLANT SURGERY – MILITARY MEDICAL ACADEMY



INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SURGEONS, GASTROENTEROLOGISTS  
AND ONCOLOGISTS

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

# 5TH INTERNATIONAL POSTGRADUATE COURSE OF IASGO

*State of the art in hepato-biliary-pancreatic surgery*

October 24-26, 2013, Sheraton Sofia Hotel Balkan, Sofia



MILITARY MEDICAL ACADEMY  
BULGARIAN ASSOCIATION OF SURGEONS, GASTROENTEROLOGISTS AND ONCOLOGISTS

*Dear Colleagues,*

I'm delighted to invite you to participate in the incoming joint meeting, including the Anniversary surgical conference due to the establishment of the Department of HPB and Transplant surgery and the 5th consecutive International Postgraduate Course of IASGO. The meeting, traditionally organized by the International Association of Surgeons, Gastroenterologists and Oncologists (IASGO), Military Medical Academy (MMA) and the Bulgarian Association of Surgeons, Gastroenterologists and Oncologists (BASGO) will be more special this year because of its anniversary character, so the topic will be broad, including the whole HPB surgery: State of the Art in Hepato-Biliary and Pancreatic Surgery. For the first time this course will be held outside of the Military Medical Academy - in Sheraton Hotel Balkan - Sofia, but still the participants will be able to observe live demonstrations from our operating rooms.



HPB surgery remains one of the constantly developing fields of medicine with continuing introduction of new devices, along with surgical knowledge and technique. Malignant diseases of liver, pancreas, and biliary tract are complex problems that require multidisciplinary assessment and care in order to achieve optimal outcomes. The contemporary standards, applied to hepatic, pancreatic, and biliary tract surgery, include a board spectrum of multidisciplinary approaches. The program of the conference will be specifically focused on the modern management of the most frequent malignant diseases.

I hope that you will enjoy the meeting, which will ensure an excellent opportunity for theoretical training in HPB surgery, along with demonstration of some surgical tricks during the live demonstrations.

Looking forward to welcoming you in Sofia,

*prof. Nikola Vladov, MD, PhD, DMSc,  
Honorary member of the French Academy of Surgery*

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'N. Vladov'. The signature is fluid and cursive, written on a white background.