

STATEMENT ON LONGEVITY AND TRANSHUMANISM, 2017-10-01

On behalf of all participants of the 10-th international & interdisciplinary conference "Vanguard scientific instruments in management ' 2017" (VSIM:17), held in the town of Ravda, Bulgaria, from 13 to 17 September 2017, <http://vsim-conf.info/en/> , We would like to state the following:

We are happy to celebrate October the 1-st, International Longevity Day!

- We do appreciate the efforts of all groups and activists in the world longevity movement (see for example <http://www.longevityforall.org/groups/> or <http://www.rlecoalition.com/>).
- We would like to see this to become the most massive global movement and we are ready to support it by all possible ways.
- We imagine that many (researchers, educators, businessmen and so on) will joint efforts in achieving the old dream – defeating aging. And that will become a coordinated international project.
- We do support the idea of including aging into the International Classification of Diseases (ICD-11) and considering aging as a treatable condition, as suggested by ILA (see <http://longevityalliance.org/?q=whosurvey2017>)
- We do support the Open Letter On Aging Research, addressed to all governments (see <https://www.facebook.com/groups/hplusopenletters/permalink/1365615030200923/>)

We are standing strongly for Radical Life Extension, Personal Enhancement and Transhumanism!

It turns out that one of the most intriguing topic on the Conference was Section 1 “Longevity and Transhumanism” (total discussion time 5:15 hours, 9 presentations, around 35 minutes average per presentation or video conferencing). There were 81 researchers (including 31 young researchers) on the conference, representing 27 universities, research institutes, business organizations and government agencies from Bulgaria and abroad (Israel, Romania, Belgium, UK and USA). Main conclusions from the discussion are:

Education is the key factor for success in dissemination the concepts of Longevity and Transhumanism.

- It is destroying myths, changing minds and disseminating new ideas. In addition this is what we can do best.
- We will continue to develop a full scale academic course “Principles of Longevity and Transhumanism” in addition to the existing lectures.
- Body of lectures on “Futurology, Longevity and Transhumanism” is already officially included in the curriculum of a regular course “Modeling and Forecasting in Management” in University for National and World Economy (UNWE).

- We will continue to direct/motivate our students to the field of “Longevity and Transhumanism”. We will involve them more actively in the current research and forecasting in the field and will support all initiatives and projects suggested by them.
- On the base of our experience in the field of educational games and computer simulations, we will continue to develop and to collect educational games, data base with annotated educational links, a specialized Wiki and all sorts of on-line educational resources.
- We will continue to develop “The Great Transhumanist Game” as a form of integration and concentration of educational recourses.
- Attention should be paid in preparation of “Train the trainers” program, having in mind that millions of people must be educated.
- We will publish our results in the electronic journal “VANGUARD SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS IN MANAGEMENT” (ISSN 1314-0582) (see <http://vsim-journal.info>). Special volume on “Longevity and Transhumanism” is intended for 2017. Contributors are welcome.
- Same is valid for our next conference (September 2018). All are kindly invited to contribute with papers, posters, video-conferencing, or video-posters (see <http://vsim-conf.info/en/>).

Live forever, or die trying!

- Follow our day to day plans, projects, events and activities on our bright new FB page “For Science, Education, Radical Longevity and Transhumanism!” (see <https://www.facebook.com/groups/280389975798657/>).
- It is time to establish a private research and education center (and business incubator) on “Longevity and Transhumanism” in Sofia.
- A precursor for a political party “Bulgarian Longevity and Transhumanist Party” will be created in the near future. For the time being, this party will stay aside of official registration and active participation in the political live.
- Consider all above as a “To Do List” for the coming year. Most important: do something every day! Even a small step, but every day!

For Science, Education, Radical Longevity and Transhumanism! Eternity lies ahead of us!

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