APUA Leadership Award 2012
To Professor Roman S. Kozlov, M.D., M. Sc., D.Sc.
And APUA-Russia

The Alliance for the Prudent Use of Antibiotics (APUA) is pleased to present the 2012 APUA Leadership Award to Professor Roman S. Kozlov and APUA-Russia for sustained leadership to contain antibiotic resistance in Russia and the adjacent region. This award also recognizes the Chapter’s collaborative efforts with the Inter-Regional Association for Clinical Microbiology & Antimicrobial Chemotherapy (IACMAC) and the Institute of Antimicrobial Chemotherapy (IAC) of Smolensk State Medical Academy (SSMA).

As President of APUA-Russia, Professor Kozlov has led the remarkable efforts of this chapter to promote the prudent use of antibiotics. APUA-Russia has been extensively involved in activities throughout Russia, Belarus, Ukraine, and other countries of the Former Soviet Union for the establishment of a network of sentinel laboratories and organization of continuous surveillance programs of both community and hospital-acquired pathogens. APUA-Russia is based at SSMA in Smolensk, where Professor Kozlov serves as IAC Director. Collaboration with the IAC has provided the laboratory facilities to develop the surveillance work. The results of these studies have been used as a basis for development of national guidelines on the management of community-acquired pneumonia, hospital-acquired pneumonia, intra-abdominal infections, and skin and soft-tissue infections.

This year, the APUA Leadership Award recruited nominations for an outstanding young professional who has demonstrated extraordinary leadership. Professor Kozlov was recommended for this award by Dr. Stephen A. Lerner of Wayne State University and a member of APUA’s Scientific Advisory Board. Professor Kozlov assumed leadership of the APUA-Russia chapter at a young age and has successfully brought to fruition many of the goals first envisioned by his mentor and predecessor, Dr. Leonid Stratchounski. In his letter of nomination, Dr. Lerner indicates,

This award, and these accomplishments stand on the vision of Dr. Leonid Stratchounski whose untimely death in June 2005 was a grave tragedy for the world’s interests in antibiotics and resistance. Fortunately, part of Dr. Stratchounski’s vision was to identify promising young people in Smolensk and to groom them for excellence in the field of antibiotics. The prime example is Dr.
Roman Kozlov. Dr. Kozlov became Dr. Stratchounski’s lieutenant, and he was successfully able to assume the leadership positions he holds today.

Professor Kozlov also serves as President of IACMAC, an organization that has been a beacon for epidemiologic, clinical and basic research on antibiotics and their appropriate usage. The efforts of IACMAC to communicate their research to scientists and practitioners across the expanse of the Former Soviet Union has provided a great service to the field of infectious disease. Notably, IACMAC has developed an interactive ‘Map of Antimicrobial Resistance of Russia’ available freely on the web site www.antibiotic.ru for the use of physicians and microbiologists throughout the world. Furthermore, IACMAC has organized an exemplary distant education course on antimicrobial therapy which has been successfully completed by more than 600 physicians.

APUA is pleased to recognize Professor Kozlov’s leadership and his success in influencing the prudent use of antibiotics in Russia and the region. In offering his congratulations Dr. Stuart B. Levy, President of APUA stated, “Roman Kozlov represents a class of emerging young leaders whose dedication is essential to ensure antibiotic effectiveness. His leadership demonstrates the value of the APUA global network and its affiliated chapters in 66 countries throughout the world.”