

## **Report of Webinar-3 “Pandemic - Questions and Answers.**

### **The SARS-CoV-2 virus is not a verdict on humanity - it is only an RNA molecule”**

As part of the P633-a project the Webinar-3 “Pandemic - Questions and Answers. The SARS-CoV-2 virus is not a verdict on humanity - it is only an RNA molecule” was successfully held on February 24, 2021.

The seminar was attended by teachers of medical and biological schools and other stakeholders (representatives of medical institutions, the State Food and Consumer Services, institutions of the National Academy of Sciences and the National Academy of Medical Sciences of Ukraine) from different cities of Ukraine (Kyiv, Kharkiv, Lviv, Chernivtsi, Odessa, Poltava). We are pleasure of large number of participants from educational institutions in Luhansk and Donetsk regions who are currently relocated from the temporarily occupied territories. The total number of participants was over 100 people.

The Seminar was opened by professor Serhiy V. Komisarenko, Chairman of the Commission on Biosafety and Biological Protection at the National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine, Academician of National Academy of Sciences and National Academy of Medical Sciences of Ukraine. Komisarenko S.V. was focused on the new facts from the pandemic, in particular the search for ways to overcome the disease and the problem of vaccination, also he answered at the questions from participants.

Then Serhiy V. Komisarenko, gave the floor to the main speaker - Anatoliy M. Demchenko, Professor of the Department of Chemistry and Pharmacy of Nizhyn Mykola Gogol State University. Anatoly Demchenko together with his American partners is trying to find possible compounds that have antiviral activity (in particular for coronaviruses SARS-CoV, MERS-CoV and SARS-CoV-2). In his report he presented the results of work on the study of antiviral activity of compounds against coronaviruses SARS-CoV-2, SARS-CoV, MERS-CoV and some other particularly dangerous viruses (Yellow Fever, Tacaribe, H1N1, H3N2) and talked about the prospects of antiviral drugs for the treatment of these diseases.

The meeting ended with an active discussion. At the end, the participants praised the seminar and thanked the speakers and organizers.

Participants of the Seminar will be provided with relevant Certificates of Participation.

See you soon!