

In Memoriam



BORIS LVOVICH AGRANOVICH, Vice-President of AEER, renowned Professor of Control Systems Optimization Department of Institute of Cybernetics of National Research Tomsk Polytechnic University, died August 12, 2014. He was 77.

He attended Tomsk Polytechnic University where he was graduated in 1962, specialization "Radio Engineering".

He was working as Associate Professor and Dean of Radio Engineering faculty at Tomsk Institute of Radioelectronics and Electronic Engineering up to 1981. However, he never failed in loyalty to his Alma Mater, to whose service his whole life was dedicated.

Since 1991 Boris Lvovich worked as Associate Professor in Control Systems Optimization Department, Tomsk Polytechnic University and director of West-Siberian Regional Center of New Information Technologies. Besides, he was appointed a deputy director of Cybernetics Center. Then, he was advanced to professor of Control Systems Optimization Department, Institute of Cybernetics, Tomsk Polytechnic University. In 1988-1995, he served as design manager in Automated University Management System of the Ministry of Higher Education of the RSFSR and Standard Automated Control System of Higher Education Institution. For 15 years Boris L. Agranovich was an active and influential member of the Association of Engineering Education of Russia (AEER). He was among the founders of and served as an executive editor of the journal "Engineering Education". As one of the distinguished managers and vice-presidents of AEER, he exerted a profound influence on the development of the association.

Professor Boris L. Agranovich was a person of high moral values, a distinguished scientist whose mind was of unusual brilliance and alert. He was well-known in his field, both in Russia and abroad, as an expert in innovative information technologies. As an outstanding academic and educator he was concerned with a wide scope of issues, such as methodological support for man-computer complex design, development of the automated control systems for industry, education, and economy.

His growing reputation as a scholar won him promotion to the rank of design manager of Automated University Management System of the Ministry of Higher Education of the RSFSR in 1986 and design manager of Integrated Automated Ministry Management System, 1989. Under his leadership and guidance the first automated control system of the Ministry of Higher Education of Russia was designed and implemented.

Boris L. Agranovich achieved great results in solving issues related to higher engineering education. He was honored with the Russian Federation President Award in the field of education (1998). He was also the Laureate of Tomsk region Award in the field of education and science (1995) and Tomsk region Award "For development and implementation of

precision instrument for phase measurement" (1970).

Agranovich B. L. was awarded with medal "For Valorous Labour" (1970), "For Merits to the Fatherland, 2nd grade" (1996), the title "Honored Worker of Higher Education of the Russian Federation" (2000), "Honored Worker of Higher Professional Education of the Russian Federation" (2005), silver medal "For Merits to Tomsk Polytechnic University" (1998), and medal "400 years to Tomsk" (2004).

Indeed, as an active member of AEER, he will be long remembered for his significant contribution to the advancement of engineering education, for his wide influence on the growth of engineering industry. In 2011, Boris L. Agranovich received the highest award from AEER, Medal of Peter I "For the development of engineering and education".

There is a great emptiness left by Boris L. Agranovich's passing. He was a man of great insight and personality, always faithful to his promises, colleagues and like-minded members of the team.

Boris L. Agranovich will always be remembered as an especially given person of great character, distinguished scientist, brilliant teacher, attentive colleague, and reliable companion.

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