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Iveri Varlamovich Prangishvili (May 6, 1930—February 28, 2006)

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The Russian science, the collective of the Trapeznikov Institute of Control Sciences, and the editorial board of the “Avtomatika i telemekhanika” journal suffered a great and irreplaceable loss. Professor Iveri Varlamovich Prangishvili, an outstanding researcher, director of the Trapeznikov Institute of Control Sciences, full member of the Georgian and other foreign academies, and Honored Worker of Science and Engineering of Russia passed away at the seventy-sixth year on February 28, 2006.

Iveri Varlamovich headed the Institute of Control Sciences since 1987, but in fact he became its leader and scientific and moral authority more than thirty years ago after his promotion in 1970 to the position of deputy director. During his fifty years in science, Iveri Varlamovich went the path from a post-graduate student to an outstanding researcher, renowned expert in the theory of control processes and systems, informatics, and computer engineering. Iveri Varlamovich was the author of more than four hundred publications, including fifteen monographs, he was the author of a scientific discovery and more than forty inventions.

Being the chairman of the Scientific Council of the Institute of Control Sciences, Iveri Varlamovich always reconciled intensive research with great organizational work. Since 1992 he was a member of the Bureau of the Department of Machine Building, Mechanics, and Control Processes of the Russian Academy of Sciences, and since 2002, a member of the Bureau of the Department of Power Engineering, Machine Building, Mechanics, and Control Processes. In 1995 he headed the Scientific Council of the Department of Russian Academy of Sciences on the Theory of Controllable Processes and Automation. He was the deputy chairman of the National Committee for Automatic Control, the chief editor of the journals “Datchiki i sistemy” (Sensors and Systems) and “Problemy upravleniya” (Problems of Control), and also the chairman of the Editorial Board of the journal

“Avtomatizatsiya v promyshlennosti” (Industrial Automation) and member of the editorial boards of some central scientific journals. More than thirty doctoral and Ph.D. theses were defended under the guidance of Iveri Varlamovich who also was actively engaged in teaching. Iveri Varlamovich Prangishvili was the vice-president of the International Engineering Academy.

For his great achievements in science and technology, Iveri Varlamovich was decorated with two Orders of the Red Banner of Labor, Order of Friendship, Order of Honor, and numerous medals.

Iveri Varlamovich always combined his fruitful scientific activity with great and responsible social work. No matter whether Iveri Varlamovich was a deputy of the municipal or regional Council or a member of other municipal or institute’s social organizations, he always was responsible for his mission and responsive to the troubles and needs of the plain persons who permanently went to him for help.

Having passed all his scientific life in Russia and being a true Russian patriot, Iveri Varlamovich never lost the bonds connecting him with his homeland Georgia. Many years he headed the society of “Georgians in Russia,” collaborated with many Georgian research institutions, and in 1979 was elected a full member of the Georgian Academy of Sciences whose vice-president he became in 1980.

Among the workers of the institute Iveri Varlamovich always enjoyed great confidence, respect, and love. His working style was distinguished for two basic features: openness and transparency. He was always open to all proposals and requests of the institute’s staff and in discussions with his colleagues attentively and seriously analyzed them trying to foresee all their possible consequences. When making decisions that affected either an individual employee or the institute as a whole, Iveri Varlamovich always openly presented them to the collective. His kind and big heart was always open to the problems of each institute’s employee.

Blessed be the memory of Iveri Varlamovich Prangishvili!