

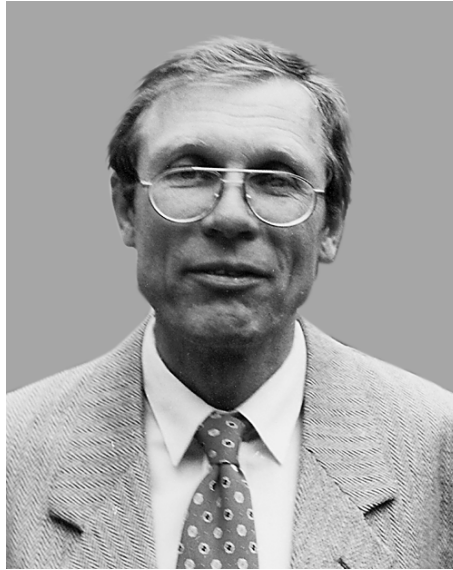
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## OBITUARY

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**Valerii Sergeevich Gordon**  
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An outstanding Belarus expert in discrete mathematics, winner of the State Prize of the Republic of Belarus, member of the New York Academy of Sciences Prof. Valerii Sergeevich Gordon passed away at sixty-five on June 4, 2010.

Valerii Sergeevich Gordon was the author of more than 220 scientific publications, three monographs, including foreign-language translations, more than 90 publications abroad of which more than 30 papers appeared in the international scientific journals. They underlie the university courses of lectures. Since 1999 his bibliographic data are annually published in such editions as “Who is Who in the World,” “Who is Who in the Science and Engineering,” “Belorusskaya entsiklopediya” (Belarussian Encyclopedia), and others. In 2006 the American Bibliographical Institute elected him the man of the year. In 2008 the International Bibliographical Center included him on the list of “2000 Outstanding Intellectuals of the XXI Century” and also nominated him for the honorary title of the “Man of 2010.” He was a member of the Society for Mathematical Programming (USA) and the President of the Belarus Society for Operations Research since 2003. Gordon headed some international projects such as INTAS, MNTTS, BRFFI in the area of discrete optimization that were realized in collaboration with the Russian and Western European researchers. The results of his scientific activity were reported at more than 40 international conferences. Gordon carried out research at the leading foreign scientific centers such as INRIA, universities of Grenoble, Metz, Troyes (France), Magdeburg and Osnabrück (Germany), Greenwich and Hertfordshire (Great Britain), and Manitoba and Saint John’s (Canada). Gordon was member of the Program committees of the international conferences “Discrete Optimization Methods” in Minsk (2000) and Omsk (2004), 20th European Conference of Operations Research “EURO XX” in Greece (2004).

The main scientific results were obtained on the development of efficient methods for solution of the problems of the scheduling theory for the single-stage systems. They were used in the computer-aided systems of operative scheduling, design and control, decision support, as well as the applied software packages to solve the optimization problems.

The results of his activity were several times put on the list of the most important achievements of the institute and the Academy of Sciences of the Belarus Republic.

Gordon headed the joint Belarus–France research within the framework of the PICS project over which he worked until his death on June 4, 2010. He was with his Institute for 43 years and was devoted to his work till his last day.

Valerii Sergeevich was a refined and highly educated person, a lover of poetry, painting, music. He had a rare talent of communication and easily came to understanding with people in many countries. His goodwill, wide erudition, industry, and adherence to the scientific and moral principles attracted people.

We will keep memory of Valerii Sergeevich as an always perfectly correct, self-collected person having fine sense of humor, a model modern intellectual.