

Lev Nikolaevich Karlin

1947—2014

On 12 November 2014 at the age of 66 years died suddenly a Man, who for more than 25 years was the head and personified Russian State Hydrometeorological University, Doctor of Physics and Mathematical Sciences, laureate of Russian National ecological award.

Lev Nikolaevich was born on 27 December 1947 in Leningrad. All of his life was closely linked with the Russian State Hydrometeorological University.

Entering Leningrad Hydrometeorological Institute, Department of Oceanography in 1966 and graduating the Institute with honors, he made his way from a simple student to rector of the Institute. Lev Nikolaevich distinguished himself as a person, who combined his talents as a teacher and administrator, working as an assistant, associate professor, chairman of the Department, vice-rector for academic affairs, and starting from 1989 was a permanent rector of Leningrad Hydrometeorological Institute, currently Russian State Hydrometeorological University.

During that time the University has become one of the leading institutes both in Russia and abroad, preserving and developing traditions of the Russian hydrometeorological education.

Lev Nikolaevich Karlin was a world renowned scholar. He was a head of several scientific areas in the field of ocean physics, ecology and environmental protection, space research methods for earth surface. Until very recent times Lev Nikolaevich was at the head of large-scale scientific international and Russian state projects, he paid much attention to strengthening and developing international cooperation of the University with other partners and was national coordinator from the Russian Federation on Framework Convention on Climate Change. Research results and practical developments done by a group of scientists led by Lev Nikolaevich are successfully applied and contribute to the development of economical activity in Russia. Under the initiative of Lev Nikolaevich technological platform "Technologies for ecological development" was formed and is operated successfully.

He was the author of more than 300 scientific papers and monographs, text books and training publications for University, Lev Nikolaevich was an active member of editing board of such journals as "Okeanologia", "Biosfera", "Uchenie zapiski RSHU". He was a head of scientific and research union of Russian Universities on education in the field of hydrometeorology.

Lev Nikolaevich was awarded with the order of Friendship, medal "300 years of Russian Navy", medal "300 years of Saint-Petersburg", medals of Ministers of the Russian Federation, honorary medal "For Service to St. Petersburg.

He combined successfully scientific and educational activity with public work by participating actively in the city life. He served as a deputy in Legislative Assembly of Saint Petersburg of second call, was one of the founders and members of Political Council of St. Petersburg regional branch of the Party "UNITED RUSSIA" and an author and initiator of important laws on higher professional education, science and ecology of St. Petersburg.

University staff is deeply saddened by the untimely death of an outstanding leader and founder of High School, a brilliant scholar and teacher, a wonderful person, kind and sympathetic colleague, and expresses deep and sincere condolences to his family and relatives.

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