

## *In Memoriam*

**of Prof. Zdravko Nikolov 1934-2010**



It is with deep sorrow and immense gratitude that we remember our dearly departed colleague Prof. Zdravko Alexandrov Nikolov. Prof. Nikolov passed away suddenly and unexpectedly on 13th of October 2010. We lost not only a good friend and a colleague, but also a prominent scientist in Bulgarian and international cybernetics and information science.

The long research activity of Prof. Zdravko Nikolov at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences earned him remarkable acknowledgement and respect throughout the development of Bulgarian electronic and electro-technical science. Zdravko Nikolov was a creative specialist, who proved to be an outstanding scientist in one rapidly developing scientific area, such as computer-communication technologies. He was deeply devoted to his investigation and implementation work on high technology devices and systems, applied in various areas of economy.

Prof. Zdravko Nikolov participated most actively in the design and realization of the industrial “ASTRA-TRASY” on-line traffic control system, which used the first Bulgarian control computers and systems for wireless acquisition and processing of information from mobile objects. In addition, he was one of the leading team members of significant Academy

projects – connected with industrial robots and personal computers and in the last years – with investigations on renewable energy sources.

Prof. Zdravko Nikolov authored many patents, books and articles in international and Bulgarian journals and in the proceedings of prestigious international and local conferences. He also successfully tutored a lot of Ph D students and young researchers, whose professional success in the country and abroad is a testament for his outstanding teaching abilities.

As a member of the Editorial Board, Prof. Zdravko Nikolov was one of the founders of the journal “Problems of Engineering Cybernetics and Robotics” who contributed to its popularization and notable scientific level.

Our departed colleague Zdravko Nikolov was an extraordinary man with profound knowledge and interests not only in the area of science and techniques, but also in different aspects of human history. He will be remembered as a kind and generous person; an engaging thinker with fresh and original opinion on events and facts. He achieved his professional successes with hard work and persistence and this helped him to never lose his sensible views on life. Zdravko Nikolov never tolerated any insincerity or indecency and did his best to help anyone in need.

Prof. Zdravko Nikolov will be greatly missed by all of us, who will remember him as a dear friend and a true leader in high technologies research of our country.

*The Editorial Board*