

To the memory of Boris Feodorovich Polkovnikov 20. IX. 1936 – 10. IV. 2002



Boris Feodorovich Polkovnikov, scientific editor of 'Kvantovaya Elektronika' since the foundation of the journal, a man with an irrepressible assiduity and a thirst for novelty, a true innovator and reformer in the field of publication of periodic science literature, passed away on 10 April 2002.

A highly educated scientist, Ph.D. (Physics and Mathematics), Boris Feodorovich joined the staff of Kvantovaya Elektronika with the blessing of R.V. Khokhlov.

His ability to understand the essence of the authors' texts was revealed adequately in the course of his work on the journal. Equipped with his concept of an 'ideal' scientific paper, he helped the authors to present the ideas and results of their work to the reader in the most appropriate manner.

An avid supporter of all innovations, Boris Feodorovich did a lot for organisation and improvement of production processes in journal publication, both when the 'old-fash-

ioned' methods of typesetting were employed, and when computers were used widely for this purpose. Boris Feodorovich was the first 'computer-man' in the editorial office. He did the typesetting and pagination of papers, organised the electronic mail system, prepared the electronic versions of papers for onward transmission to London, designed materials for the websites Quantum Electronics and Kvantovaya Elektronika, and participated in several other similar activities.

Boris Feodorovich was a man who cared for everything around, a man of remarkable temperament and a kind heart. A fine sportsman in the past (middle-distance runner), he ran all his life without stopping. However, his heart could not keep pace with him and stopped beating after suffering three attacks within a month and a half.

A talented person has passed away. Boris Feodorovich was not only a translator of several books on gravitation and cosmology, but was also probably the first translator in our country of the detective stories written by Chandler and Gardner. The entire editorial staff relished the works of these authors, which were translated and typed on an old typewriter more than a quarter century ago.

He was a jolly good fellow, and it is hard to bear the loss of such a man.

Editorial Staff of 'Kvantovaya Elektronika'