

IN MEMORY OF VLADIMIR MIKHAILOVICH KLIMKIN

Vladimir Mikhailovich Klimkin, professor, doctor of physical and mathematical sciences, well-known specialist in atomic and molecular spectroscopy died July 21, 2007, died suddenly at the age of 65.

Vladimir Mikhailovich Klimkin was born in 1942, January 19, in the village of Strelka, Eniseisk District, Krasnoyarskii Krai. He graduated from the Tomsk State University, worked in the Siberian Physical-Technical Institute and the last 36 years in the Institute of Atmospheric Optics SB RAS. Since 1989 Professor Klimkin headed the Laboratory of Fluorescent Methods. His activity was mainly devoted to gas-discharge physics and investigation of metal-vapor lasers. These subjects were the main topics of his candidate's and doctor's theses. His name is associated with the start of the first metal-vapor lasers in Siberia. In the last years, Professor Klimkin was engaged in photonics of biological structures.



Vladimir Mikhailovich Klimkin gave weight not only to basic, but also to applied investigations, in particular, concerning with the military defense. He was an active participant of numerous conferences, meetings, and schools, a founder and organizer of all international conferences on atomic and molecular pulsed lasers held in Tomsk since 1993.

The list of his publications includes five collective monographs and numerous papers in Russian and international journals in different fields of physics and, in particular, optics.

Sensitive and thoughtful, Vladimir Mikhailovich Klimkin earned great reputation in scientific community. He was characterized by a rare combination of humanities: exclusive intelligence, tactful behavior and, at the same time, adherence to principles and civic courage. His modesty, delicacy, and sense of humor always attracted people. Communication with him was always pleasant.

Cherished memory of Vladimir Mikhailovich Klimkin, gifted scientist, well wishing and plain dealing man, will always live in hearts of everybody who was lucky enough to know him, work and live near him.

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