

# ANNIVERSARIES

## Vladimir Aleksandrovich Ilyin Celebrates His 75th Anniversary



January 19, 2016, Vladimir Aleksandrovich Ilyin – Doctor of Economics, Honored Scientist of the Russian Federation, Scientific Director of the Institute of Socio-Economic Development of Territories of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Honorary Citizen of Vologda – celebrated his 75th anniversary.

V.A. Ilyin was Director of the Institute of Socio-Economic Development of Territories of RAS for 25 years he established the Institute virtually “from scratch” in the conditions of market transformations of Russia’s economy. He became scientist when he was already an experienced manager: he had worked for 32 years in the most advanced sectors of Soviet

industry – the defense industry, where he rose from an ordinary worker to Director General of the specialized production association. The systemic approaches that V.A. Ilyin used in the sphere of production served as the basic criteria in his subsequent work as head of a scientific institution.

His entering the field of science was due to several objective circumstances. The first one: by the end of the 1980s, the Vologda Oblast was a leader in the economic development of the European North (especially in ferrous metallurgy, mineral fertilizers, timber industry, livestock production, capital construction). However, the Vologda Oblast development

prospects did not have a proper scientific basis. But the nearby Northern territories of the Murmansk Oblast and the Komi and Karelian autonomous republics had their own scientific centers under the Academy of Sciences of the USSR that functioned and developed for many years. The authorities of the Vologda Oblast convinced the federal center that the oblast also needed to start developing its fundamental scientific basis. It was then that the first academic research institute was established in the Vologda Oblast, and this institute's scientific works always reflect the current socio-economic situation in the country and region.

V.A. Ilyin is the author of over 300 scientific publications. The first of them were devoted to the analysis of processes representing a "jump" from the Soviet planning and distribution system to market principles of management, known as the "shock therapy".

During the 1990s, the scientific team headed by V.A. Ilyin performed a number of studies in which they proved the urgent need to correct the socio-economic policy conducted by the then Russian authorities.

The works of V.A. Ilyin and ISEDT RAS research team in the early 2000s point out that the measures taken by the new President of Russia in order to strengthen the role of the state in managing economic and social life in the country give positive results. Monographs such as "Region's Development Strategy" (Moscow: Academia, 2006), "Regional Growth Strategy—2015" (Moscow: Nauka, 2007), "Spatial Aspects of the Region's Development" (Vologda: VSCC CEMI RAS, 2008) were executed and published under the supervision of V.A. Ilyin. The authority of ISEDT

RAS increased significantly in the academic community due to the publication of the following scientific works under the supervision of V.A. Ilyin: "Trends and Problems of the Region's Development" in three parts in 2005 and in four volumes in 2010, and collected works "Trends and Problems of Development of Territories" in six volumes in 2015.

V.A. Ilyin's monographs were more than once named among the best scientific books in Russia. For instance, in 2014, V.A. Ilyin and A.I. Povarova's work "Public Administration Efficiency Issues: Budget Crisis in the Regions" won the Third Regional Contest "Vologda Book – 2013" in the nomination "Best Scientific Publication". In 2015, the monograph "Public Administration Efficiency. Market Transformation Trends. Crisis of the Budget System. Role of Private Capital. Strategy-2020: Implementation Issues" prepared by V.A. Ilyin in collaboration with A.I. Povarova became laureate of the All-Russian Best Scientific Book Contest.

On the eve of V.A. Ilyin's anniversary, ISEDT RAS published his book "Public Administration Efficiency: Chief Editor's Point of View" that contains his articles from the journal "Economic and Social Changes: Facts, Trends, Forecast" issued in 2008–2015. They are devoted mainly to the efficiency of public administration. The author shows the complexity and difficulties of this process that arise out of the current internal and external situation in Russia. The articles consider the objective and subjective factors that hamper the improvement of public administration efficiency in the country, they also substantiate the possibility of constructive actions on the

part of Russian authorities in this respect. The author's point of view is based on his many years of creative production, research, organizational and social activities.

V.A. Ilyin's contribution to the development of ISEDT RAS is difficult to overestimate. The main achievements of the Institute were made possible largely thanks to his truly selfless work. The colleagues of Vladimir Aleksandrovich, academicians, directors of scientific institutes of RAS, and politicians say he is a true scientist, a talented organizer, a person with great life experience and outstanding "go-ahead" qualities, he knows how and is able to

assemble a team of enthusiastic people like himself, possessing the ability to foresee and prioritize, to combine and focus the efforts to achieve the goal.

On the eve of his anniversary V.A. Ilyin received the highest state award of the Vologda Oblast — the Medal of Merit for the Vologda Oblast due to his significant contribution to the development of the region and his outstanding research achievements.

The Journal's Editorial Board congratulates Vladimir Aleksandrovich on his anniversary and wishes him success and prosperity for many years to come.