

**RAS ACADEMICIAN, THE JOURNAL'S EDITORIAL COUNCIL MEMBER
VLADIMIR V. OKREPILOV
CELEBRATES HIS 70TH ANNIVERSARY**



A prominent economic scientist, Academician of the Russian Academy of Sciences, General Director of the Federal State-Financed Institution “State Regional Center for Standardization, Metrology and Testing in Saint Petersburg and the Leningrad Oblast” Vladimir Valentinovich Okrepilov celebrates his 70th Anniversary.

V.V. Okrepilov was born on February 23, 1944 in the city of Leningrad. In 1970 he graduated from the Leningrad Mechanical Institute with the specialty “mechanical equipment of automatic installations”. He started his career in 1965 at the Leningrad Radio-Engineering Equipment Factory, first as a mechanic, technician, and then he was promoted to process engineer, and senior design engineer.

In the 1980s Vladimir Valentinovich worked as chief engineer at D.I. Mendeleev VNIIM Research-and-Production Association, and then he was appointed Director of the Leningrad Center for Standardization and Metrology of GOSSTANDART of the USSR.

For more than a quarter century he is the Head of the institution “TEST – Saint Petersburg”, established on the initiative of D.I. Mendeleev in 1900 as the first Saint Petersburg testing office of weights and measures with the purpose of maintaining unity and reliability of measurements throughout Russia.

In academic circles V.V. Okrepilov is known as the founder of a new field in Economic Science – Quality Economics that is based on the application of tools of quality management, standardization and metrology for facilitating socio-economic progress and improving the quality of life. He supervised the first fundamental research and applied calculation of economic effect from activities in the area of standardization and metrology; the development of a unique national system of quality management based on implementation of program-target planning methods and aimed at increasing the pace of economic modernization in the country.

Vladimir Valentinovich made a decisive scientific-organizational contribution to the creation of a unique, scientifically grounded multilevel system of continuous personnel training – Quality Economics. He is the Head of the scientific school “Economics and quality management” that is included in the Register of

the leading scientific and scientific-pedagogical schools of Saint Petersburg.

Academician V.V. Okrepilov is the author of more than 450 scientific works in the following fields: Quality Economics, the increase of innovation development efficiency, the theory of measurements standardization and unification.

He is the founder of electronic journal “Economics for Quality”; Editor-in-Chief of the journal “Economy of the Northwest: Problems and Prospects for Development “, and a member of editorial boards of many journals.

His entire professional, research and public activities seek to solve socio-economic problems of Saint Petersburg and the Northwestern region on the whole; they are also aimed at the development of their research-and-production potential, improvement of the quality of life of citizens.

Vladimir Valentinovich is a co-author of the following documents: the Concept for improvement of quality and competitiveness of the products of industrial enterprises of Saint Petersburg; accommodation standards, approved by the Law of Saint Petersburg of November 15, 2005 No. 584-8; the Strategy for socio-economic development of Saint Petersburg until 2030; the Comprehensive research-and-technological program of the Northwestern Federal District till 2030.

He supervises extensive work on the training of scientific staff for research into the issues of quality. He is the Head of basic branch departments at Saint Petersburg State University and Saint Petersburg State University of Aerospace Instrumentation; he was elected Honorary Doctor of the top five universities in the city; he is a member of the Expert Council of the Higher Attestation Commission of the Russian Federation.

V.V. Okrepilov is involved in public activity; he is Co-Chairman of Economic Council under Saint Petersburg Governor, Deputy Chairman of Scientific-and-Technological Council



V.V. Okrepilov delivers his report at the Russian conference “Strategy and tactics of socio-economic reforms implementation: regional aspect”

under Saint Petersburg Government, member of the Public Council of Saint Petersburg, member of the Presidium of Saint Petersburg Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs.

V.V. Okrepilov was awarded state prizes and other awards for his outstanding achievements in science, technology and education. He is the Honored Worker of Science and Engineering of the Russian Federation, Distinguished Worker for Science and Technology of the Russian Federation. He was awarded the Orders “For Merits to the Fatherland” (IV grade), “Order of Honour”, “Friendship of Peoples”, medals, badge of merit “For Merits to Saint Petersburg”, breastplate “For Merits in Standardization” and “Honorary Metrologist”, honourable diplomas of Saint Petersburg Legislative Assembly and Leningrad Oblast Legislative Assembly, honour certificates of Saint Petersburg Governor and Leningrad Oblast Governor.

V.V. Okrepilov made significant contribution to the formation and development

of the Institute of Socio-Economic Development of Territories of the Russian Academy of Sciences. Vladimir Valentinovich visited Vologda several times, delivering his reports at the international research-to-practice conferences “Strategy and tactics of socio-economic reforms implementation: regional aspect” that were organized by ISEDT RAS and presided by Academician D.S. Lvov. At present, V.V. Okrepilov is a member of the Editorial Board of the journal “Economic and social changes: facts, trends, forecast” that published a number of his articles.

Recommendations of Vladimir Valentinovich are of great benefit for enhancement of practical and scientific relevance of research conducted at the Institute, and for improvement of the quality and relevance of the Journal.

ISEDT RAS and the Journal's Editorial Board congratulate Vladimir Valentinovich heartily and cordially on his birthday and thank him for fruitful cooperation; we wish him success and prosperity, and express hope for further productive joint work.