

LIFE IN SCIENCE

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Academician Yatshko Ivanov
ONE OF THE DOYENS OF THE BULGARIAN SCIENCE
(Academician Yatshko Ivanov at 85 years old)

Living 85 years is a real challenge! Especially in the tense life we are leading today. What is this vitality of the scientist due to? If you ask him, he cannot give you a single answer. Surely he will say - Gen. This, however, is unlikely to be the exact answer, if not even some others are taken into account in this really important factor. Among them, first of all, is his well-known workaholism. In fact, it is the job that constantly has loaded and charged him with energy, so that he can respond to the various challenges. All his conscious life he has devoted himself to the service of science.

For the achievements he has reached in his specialty - rheology, the word has the specialists in this field. We would like to turn to another side of his activity, which we think should not be overlooked.

Unlike many of his brothers-collaborators, Academician Y. Ivanov rarely had periods in his life, in which he would only deal with cabinet work.

Most of the time, since he has taken the lead in science, he is constantly engaged in too diverse public and administrative activities. For many years, as one of the scientific secretaries of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, he took an active part in the life and the activity of the Academy leadership.

In recent years, we will see him as a head of the Publishing House of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (BAS), which after the events that took place in Bulgaria in late 1980s and early 1990s of the last century, it had been in a serious crisis, mainly for financial reasons. It had to be transformed into new rails, imposed by the passage of the country from a conducted to a market economy. As it is said in such cases: every evil for good! The new situation became the reason, under the direction of Academician Y. Ivanov, the Academic Publishing House to focus on issuing valuable titles, that would attract attention to a wider number of specialists not only in Bulgaria but also abroad. As a director of the Publishing House, Academician Y. Ivanov made an effort for the academic journals to reach the readers not only in the capital, but also outside of it. His work is the maintenance not only of the Academic Bookstore in the Central Building of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, but also the opening of such a bookshop in Plovdiv.

After separating with the Publishing House of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Academician Y. Ivanov took over the chair of the Journal of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences and the Series on BIOMECHANICS. He also served as Vice Chairman of the Engineering Sciences Magazine, a member of the Editorial Boards of Journal of Theoretical and Applied Mechanics (JTAM) and of Materials and Structures Magazine-issued in Serbia, and a member of the Advisory Editorial Board of the Proceedings of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences. These editions have a great history behind them and enjoy the authority of the scientific community at home and abroad. And in this post, he remains faithful to his principle - not to stay with his arms crossed - to expect authors from the different institutes of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences to offer him his own works, but to search for and attract such investigations himself. Thanks to this activity, the Journal of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences not only comes out rhythmically, but also publishes articles reflecting the latest achievements of Bulgarian science.

85 years of age are not a limit to human activity. This is said by one of our prominent scholars from the recent past - Acad. Mihail Arnaudov, who has the happiness to live up to 100 years. When he reaches this Patriarchal age, a lady journalist takes an interview with him. Along with the other questions she asks how he feels at the top of the century. Without thinking much, he answers her in his Arnaudov style: I feel good, but why do not I be 85 years old in order to be able to write some more. So, in front of Academician Y. Ivanov there is still not a small amount of time, during which he can continue to work and to contribute to the development of Bulgarian science.

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