

## **Anniversary**

## The 70th Birthday of Academician Ivan Petkov Popchev



Academician Ivan Popchev had been graduated in Technical University, Sofia, in 1959. He achieved his Ph.D. degree in 1967 and D.Sc. degree in 1980. He has been an Associate Researcher since 1969 and an Associate Professor (Professor) since 1981. In 1995 he has been elected as a Corresponding Member of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (BAS) and he has become a Full Member of BAS (Academician) in 2003.

Academician Ivan Popchev is a world-wide famous scientist in the area of decision making theory, informatics, information and information technologies, control theory, mathematical modeling and

applications in economics and technologies. He is one of the scientists initiated these kinds of investigations in BAS. As a result of these investigations Academician Ivan Popchev had published more than 350 scientific publications, 11 monographs, 22 books and textbooks with more than 500 citations. He has read lectures in many universities and scientific organization in our country and abroad. He has participated in more than 20 editorial boards of international and national scientific journals.

Academician Ivan Popchev had been a supervisor of more than 30 defended Ph.D. students and he had led more than 160 graduate students in a few universities.

Academician Ivan Popchev has developed an active organizing and administrative activity. He has been a Deputy Director of the Institute of Engineering Cybernetics - BAS. He has been a Chairman on much scientific councils. And he has also been a Head of Department in Institute of Engineering Cybernetics, Institute of Engineering Cybernetics and Robotic and Institute of Informatics at BAS for more than 40 years.

Academician Ivan Popchev has been a Member of the Presidium of High Testimonial Committee, Deputy Chairman on the Council of Higher Education and National Council of Automation, chairman and a member in Scientific Councils of High Testimonial Committee.

Academician Ivan Popchev has been awarded with the prize of the Earth Sciences and Technical Sciences, given from BAS and University "St. Kliment Ohridsky", Sofia, in 1977, and the prize of Technical Sciences in 1990. He had also received the main prize of Informatics and Technical Sciences of the National Council "Scientific Research" of the Ministry of Education and Science, Bulgaria.

Best wishes for health and further achievements!

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