

## **In Memoriam**

### **Prof. Ivan Daskalov, DSci. Eng.**

This year we recall the 76<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birthday of Prof. DSci. Eng. Ivan Daskalov and 5 years of his decease.

Prof. Ivan Daskalov left lasting traces in the Bulgarian science. His activity in the field of Biomedical Engineering was predetermined by his capability to find and implement original technical solutions. He surrounded with care the talented and diligent collaborators and encouraged their professional growth. That is why we can say with conviction: Prof. Daskalov founded the Bulgarian School of Biomedical Engineering and fostered its international recognition.

His scientific achievements are impressive. Europe and the other parts of the world know him – his fundamental publications in the field of Biomedical Engineering are being cited by many investigators. He was one of the 40 full members of the International Academy of Biomedical Engineering. His common researches with foreign partners led to the development, design, and production, in Bulgaria and abroad, of an immense number of diagnostic and therapeutic devices for cardiovascular and respiratory diseases.

The professional career of Prof. Ivan Daskalov was continuous and fully devoted to the beloved science he adopted as fate since his student days. He had obtained profound knowledge in several branches of the Biomedical Engineering, but also in Physics and Biophysics, and in physiological and functional methods of the Clinical Medicine, that enabled him to early perceive the promising approaches for studies and implementing in practice. Such harmony of engineering and medicine in one individual is a rarity. Now it is difficult to enumerate everything achieved by him.

Even he felt awkward about mentioning all that had been created under his leadership and by himself during his 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. He impressed the auditory with the enormous amount of results he had behind him. He also impressed us, his closest friends and collaborators, because the fast pace imposed by him and driven by the new challenges was quickly making the latest accomplishments obsolete.

With the decease of Prof. Daskalov we lost a friend, a teacher, a worthy Bulgarian. We grieve for him but keep in mind that the best manner to express our tribute is to continue his professional course.

Let us honour his memory. May his soul rest in peace.